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AWARD A book charting the frontier between handicrafts and geometry won Britain's quirkiest literary award Friday, the Diagram Prize for the year's oddest book title.

Crocheting Adventures With Hyperbolic Planes by mathematician Daina Taimina beat runners-up What Kind Of Bean Is This Chihuahua? and Collectible Spoons Of The Third Reich.

Prize overseer Horace Bent said "the public proclivity towards non-Euclidian needlework" proved too strong for the competition. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Harbourfront **Up, up and away**

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Mathew Matias, 10, gets a flying lesson yesterday at Harbourfront Centre, where he was one of hundreds of youngsters who enjoyed a day of activities at the fourth annual Wonderball in support of Harbourfront Centre's family programming.

Refugee reform

Feds say system rife with abuse, planning changes

The federal government is pushing ahead with plans to shake up Canada's refugee system this week, aiming to quickly weed out posers and more efficiently accept people fleeing dangerous situations.

Immigration Minister Jason Kenney is expected to table controversial legislation, promised in the throne speech, as early as tomorrow.

Speaking on CTV's Question Period yesterday, Kenney said the system is rife with abuse that is making wait times for legitimate refugees as long as a year and a half. He said last year the No. 1 source of asylum claims came not from a totalitarian state, but from a European democracy. He did not name the country.

Kenney said the vast majority of people who land in Canada by air claim asylum only because it is convenient and subsequently withdraw their claim, many later signing up for provincial welfare. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Backlog building

- Dissatisfaction with the country's refugee system has been building for years. Meanwhile, the backlog has reached 63,000 cases, which could take two and a half years to process.

A slice of the Big Apple

PLANNING Imagine sidewalk cafés everywhere. Add trees and greenery at parking lots. Mix in seating in both the sun and shade along the waterfront.

Those are just some of the changes Amanda Burden has made since 2002 as chief of New York City's planning commission, overseeing vast redevelopment from the Lower East Side in Manhattan to the Brooklyn waterfront to revitalizing 125th Street in Harlem.

"We want people not just to come to New York, but to stay in New York," Burden told an audience at the University of Toronto Friday that included politicians, planning students and community activists.

The way to ensure people stay in New York, Burden said, is providing affordable housing, local retail, jobs throughout the city and public spaces like playgrounds for kids.

"We direct development of the city by shaping its neighbourhoods, its business districts, its waterfront and its industrial areas," she said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Vibrant

- Amanda Burden has focused attention on making her city of nearly 8.4 million more pedestrian friendly, less gritty and more economically vibrant. Much of her success she credits to the strong political leadership in Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who has given her the freedom to do what she believes is right.

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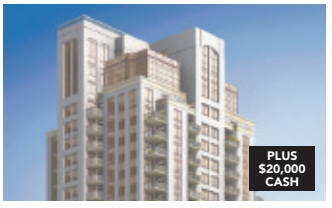

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Mayor blasts transit spending delay

Toronto is calling it short-sighted but Ontario's finance minister says the slowing of transit projects is all about getting the province's fiscal house in order. Thursday's budget postponed some $4 billion in transit spending, prompting Mayor David Miller, left, to accuse the province of balancing budgets by putting a stop to "building the future." Finance Minister Dwight Duncan says the provincial government is simply going to stage transit projects over a longer period. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Premier casts wider net

McGuinty looking to police, firefighters to freeze wages

All public-sector workers in Ontario — including municipal police and firefighters who escaped last week's wage-freeze edict — need to do their part to slay Ontario's massive deficits, Premier Dalton McGuinty said yesterday.

In an exclusive interview, McGuinty vowed not to back down from freezing the wages of more than one million workers, even if the economy rebounds over the next few years.

"That would be unfair," he said in his first one-on-one talk since last Thursday's $126-billion budget.

"It doesn't really matter when or where it happens, but it's going to happen."

About 350,000 non-unionized public-sector workers will have their wages frozen immediately, while 710,000 more will see their compensation capped for two years after their existing contracts expire. Only municipalities were excluded.

"It doesn't really matter when or where it happens, but it's going to happen." Dalton McGuinty

Labour experts and municipal leaders point out that unionized workers have a right to go to arbitration, which makes a wage freeze unlikely.

McGuinty wouldn't say if was prepared to introduce legislation to impose the salary freeze, but suggested that workers will accept it, given that his government didn't impose layoffs or slash work hours, benefits or pensions.

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Premier Dalton McGuinty talks to reporters Friday as Ottawa Liberal MPP Bob Chiarelli looks on after touring a chemistry lab at Carleton University in Ottawa.

Fire leaves one dead, another on life support

ETOBICOKE A two-alarm fire in the west end claimed the life of one man in his early 40s and left another clinging to life in hospital.

The fire broke out in a rooming house on 22nd Street, near Lakeshore Boulevard in south Etobicoke, just after 5 a.m. It took firefighters around an hour to extinguish the heavy flames that were bursting out of the roof and south side of the home.

Alarm

- Firefighters discovered at least one working smoke alarm, which was still beeping hours after the blaze was put out.

The home was quickly evacuated and most of 15 people who lived there were put on a TTC bus for shelter.

Firefighters rescued a 62-year-old man from a second-storey kitchen, said fire Chief Bill Stewart. The man wasn't breathing but emergency crews were able to revive him. He is now on life support.

Two other people from the home, a 29-year-old woman and a 43-year-old man, were taken to hospital for smoke inhalation.

Hours later, when the fire was knocked down, emergency officials found the body of a man in one of the rear rooms.

One of the 15 residents is still unaccounted for but believed to be have been at work or at someone's house during the fire.

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News in brief

ATM FRAUD Police displayed seized ATM fraud devices worth about $100,000 Friday after raids last week in Vaughan, Barrie and Newmarket. Police seized about 110 ATM overlay and pinhole camera devices, and charged six people with a total of 80 offences. Bogus cards were used to purchase items such as alcohol, video games and tools that were then sold on the Internet for cash. Police say people can help themselves by using the same bank and being alert to any changes with an ATM reader. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Province tweaking welfare rules

RULES Ontario's social services minister is tweaking four welfare rules in the wake of outrage over the elimination in last Thursday's budget of a special food allowance that helps one in five people on social assistance pay extra food costs related to medical conditions such as diabetes and high blood pressure.

The province is instead developing a new nutritional supplement program focused on those with severe medical needs.

Gifts

- Currently, those on Ontario's disability support program are allowed to accept up to $6,000 annually in gifts. But able-bodied people on welfare are generally prohibited from accepting gifts.

Under proposed changes to gifts, the province would "provide some direction" to allow people on welfare to accept modest amounts of cash or goods.

The other welfare rule changes underway would shorten the welfare suspension period to one month from three months for a recipient who breaks a rule for the first time; allow people to use financial windfalls to pay down a student loan or other government debt without losing eligibility for welfare; and change the shelter allowance calculation for people who share accommodation to reflect the actual cost of what they are paying. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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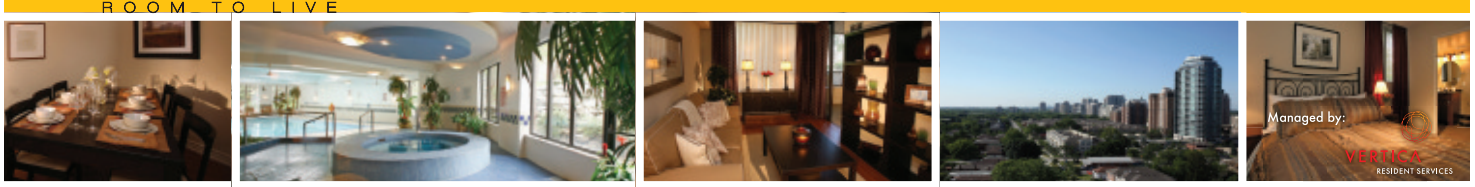

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Man killed in head-on crash with tractor-trailer

A 38-year-old man has been killed in a car crash south of Milton. Halton Regional Police say a tractor-trailer and a minivan were involved in a head-on collision about 4:45 a.m. Saturday just north of Lower Base Line Road. Alan Larocque, from Oakville, was ejected from the minivan and died instantly. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Everything was aglow looking west on Dundas Street from the patio at Jack Astor's on Saturday evening, left. But at 8:30 p.m., the landmark strip was plunged into darkness, right, after Mayor David Miller flipped the switch for Earth Hour.

Dim results for 2010's Earth Hour

People across Canada flicked off their lights for Earth Hour, but in two of the country's largest provinces, the results were dimmer than in the past two years.

Ontario saw a four per cent drop in electricity demand Saturday night during Earth Hour, or enough to power a city the size of Brampton, Ontario's electricity system operator said yesterday.

The 560-megawatt decline represented a four per cent decrease — less than the six per cent seen in 2009 and five per cent in 2008.

In British Columbia, BC Hydro said the province's electricity load dropped by 1.04 per cent between 8:30 and 9:30 p.m. The drop in B.C. amounted to 64.6 megawatt hours of electricity.

That's less than the 1.1 per cent reduction in 2009 and two per cent reduction in 2008 in British Columbia.

Terry Young, with the Independent Electricity System Operator in Ontario, said the numbers may seem like a drop in the bucket, but it's further evidence that energy consumption in the province is generally on the decline.

"Earth Hour ... isn't something that obviously we're looking to see make a major impact in terms of electricity demand. What it is, is more of an awareness," he said.

120 Canadians joined people in more than 120 countries around the world who flicked off lights between 8:30 and 9:30 p.m., attended events illuminated by candlelight or watched iconic landmarks fall dark.

"People were turning off their lights and stopped using as much electricity, and we could notice that. Any time we can notice something like that on a provincial scale then it does have some sort of an impact."

The weaker numbers more likely reflect the weather than a waning interest, Young said. The temperatures in Ontario were much cooler this year than during Earth Hour last year, so even though lights were shut off, heaters were running, he said.

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Protesters call OSPCA 'murderers' after dogs put down

DEMONSTRATION Angry dog-walkers and humane society supporters blasted the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals after six pit bulls were put down on Friday.

During a protest yesterday afternoon at the Toronto Humane Society's River Street shelter — temporarily operated by the provincial organization — demonstrators said the new OSPCA administration was "murdering" pit bulls.

"They say they are protecting animals but they are murderers," said Rosana Martins, a volunteer who had walked several of the dogs that were euthanized. "There is no mercy. This used to be a no-kill shelter; now it is a high-kill shelter."

The OSPCA took over the animal care at the shelter last November, accusing THS leaders of allowing animals to live in inhumane conditions so that it could claim low euthanasia rates. The provincial organization charged several THS officials with cruelty to animals and requested that a court-appointed receiver take over the THS.

The hearing in that case will begin in early April, said THS spokesperson Ian McConachie.

Volunteer Andy Blau said the shelter is a "hot bed" of rumours right now, with few answers from either organization, and the volunteers and donors consider euthanasia a huge issue.

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Rosana Martins, a volunteer dog walker, holds up a photo of one of the dogs she walked, which was euthanized at the Toronto Humane Society. Martins was taking part in a protest with others outside the Toronto Humane Society yesterday.

"It leaves a great sense of futility for the volunteers to think 'I am doing my best to make this animal's life better but they are just going to kill it tomorrow,'" Blau said.

Rosaline Ryan, a spokesperson for the OSPCA, said the decision to euthanize the dogs was made by veterinarians for both organizations.

Ryan said she understands that emotions are running high. "The OSPCA works and deals with animals all the time so we totally understand.

"We have feelings too, where the animals are concerned."

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Drug vending machines get preview at Queen's Park

HEALTH You can get cash, drinks and even T-shirts from vending machines. How about prescription drugs?

The provincial government approved the concept of "remote dispensing" of medicines in Bill 179, passed late last year, such as through high-tech vending machines or pharmacy technicians in remote locations — all with electronic links to real, live pharmacists.

Proponents tout remote dispensing as a way to have pharmacy service in remote or underserviced areas or in hospitals overnight when it's hard for a parent with a sick child to find a drugstore that's open.

"You could have these in small towns without pharmacies and save people a lot of time," said Peter Suma of Pharma Trust Inc., which makes high-tech drug dispensing machines that will be demonstrated to MPPs, political staff and bureaucrats at Queen's Park today.

Health Minister Deb Matthews, who is under pressure to cut costs in the health care system, said she likes the idea.

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News in brief

STABBING A 17-year-old boy was rushed to hospital with multiple stab wounds following a fight in a Scarborough apartment early yesterday morning. Police say the victim was stabbed in the abdomen and shoulder in the stairwell of a building at 125 Bamburgh Cir. near Warden Avenue and Steeles Avenue East. He was rushed to Sunnybrook Hospital and his injuries are considered non life-threatening. Police are certain there were no other victims.

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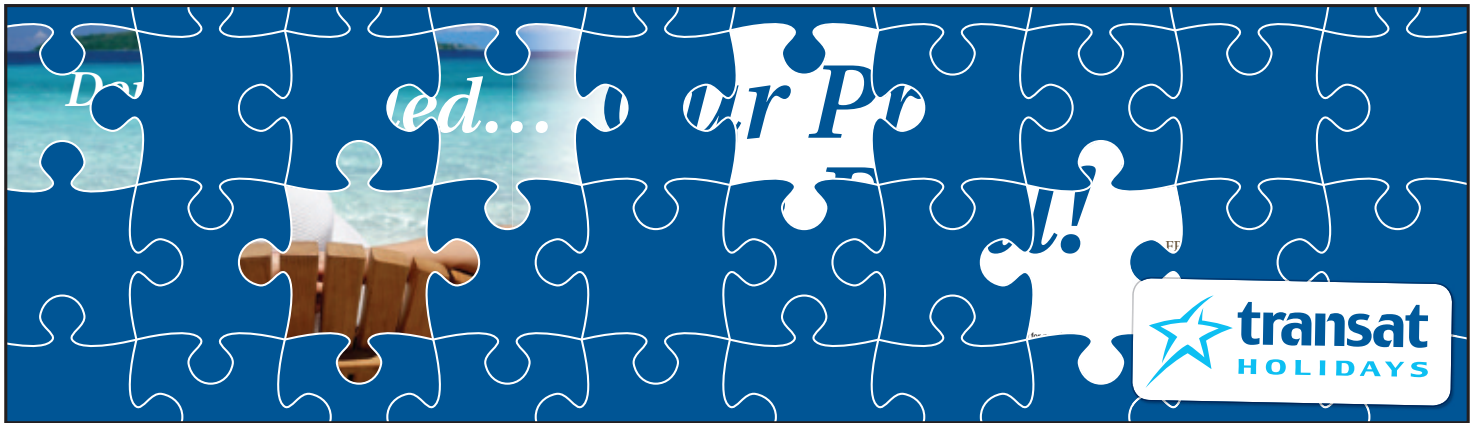

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Fast food, fast everything

U of T study finds fast-food logos make us hasty, impatient

Pepe Bustamante tucks a newspaper under his arm and heads for the golden arches, thinking about an Egg McMuffin.

The restaurant owner says the need for speed is precisely what brings him to this McDonald's around 10 a.m. He has errands to run and no time for a leisurely breakfast: "I just come here because it's fast, that's all."

But according to new research from the Rotman School of Management at the University of Toronto, the very sight of the McDonald's logo might make him hurry up.

When people are exposed to fast-food logos, even momentarily, they're reminded of the need to save time, says Chen-Bo Zhong, a professor of organizational behaviour and the paper's co-author. In three experiments, participants were found to be more impatient and hasty after seeing logos such as McDonald's, Subway, KFC or Wendy's.

"It's the goals that you associate with these symbols," says Zhong. "They really are a very prevalent part of our culture that (remind us) we need to be time-efficient, we need to be able to save time."

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A woman runs past a McDonald's restaurant on St. Clair West near Christie Street. People may already be in a hurry, but what they don't realize is that spotting the golden arches could shorten their patience, says new research from the University of Toronto's Rotman School of Management.

In one experiment, conducted for an upcoming edition of the journal Psychological Science, participants exposed to quick flashes of fast-food logos read faster than those who were not. In another, participants who had been asked to think about eating in a fast-food restaurant picked time-saving items, such as four-slice toasters, 2-in-1 shampoo and high-efficiency detergent, over more traditional versions of the same items.

In a third, people exposed to the logos were more impatient with money than those who had not, opting to receive a $3 payment immediately instead of more in a week.

Zhong says fast food may have helped create our efficiency-obsessed culture, but it is also a product of a world where everyone is in a hurry.

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Haitian refugee awaits reunion with teen son

IMMIGRATION When a massive earthquake hit her native Haiti Jan. 12, Myrlande Charitable worried whether her son had been harmed.

When the first of some 200 Haitian children were flown to Canada 12 days later to join their adoptive parents, the Toronto mother felt a sense of hope.

But Charitable, who received her refugee status last June, is now wondering why the Canadian government is taking so long to reunite birth parents in Canada with their children back in Haiti who have been affected by the earthquake.

More than two months after the quake, Charitable's son, Marc-Pender Jean, 13, is still being bounced from one relative to another while he waits to join her here.

Aissa Nauthoo, director of Toronto's Centre Francophone de Toronto, said her office receives a dozen inquiries each week from anxious Haitian Canadians hoping to get their loved ones out of the chaos.

"It is hypocritical that the government distinguishes adopted children from other children," said Nauthoo.

Alexandra Lamoureux, the community support worker for Charitable, said they have called immigration's hotline several times; the only assurance they received was that "the file will be flagged."

"I'm just upset that these children to Haitian Canadians are not coming as quickly. How is it fair?"

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Processing

- Immigration spokesperson Kelli Fraser said only Canadian citizens and permanent residents are entitled to expedited processing. Myrlande Charitable is still in the process of becoming a permanent resident.

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Bill being proposed to let voters elect chairs

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Family fighting for 'national treasure'

An oil painting of a Canadian war hero is in danger of being sold and leaving the country, to the dismay of family members in Oshawa who want it back.

The portrait of Second World War ace fighter pilot Lloyd Chadburn is in a private museum of military artifacts collected by the late Robert Stuart, whose daughter Deirdre is trying to sell them for $1 million.

"It's history. It's a treasure that should be kept for everyone to see and enjoy," Chadburn's first cousin, Colleen Daley, says of the portrait, painted in 1944 just months before he was killed in action. "We don't want anyone to profit from it."

Described by one collector of militaria as a "priceless national treasure," the gilt-framed painting was donated by Chadburn's aunt to Stuart decades ago for display in his museum at Oshawa Airport. But Deirdre Stuart says the collection her father acquired over his lifetime is hers to sell and unless benefactors have a written loan agreement, they're out of luck.

The sale is "totally against Bob and what he stood for," argues Chadburn's second cousin, Karen Wingrove. "Nothing was written down. It was in good faith because you could just trust Bob."

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Sargeant the dog watches as Gerald Kerr, left, and Chris Yaccato roll a tire to a pickup spot while Ivy Lam picks up trash yesterday along the eastern Beaches of Toronto. The Toronto Beaches Dogs Association held its second annual Beachy-Clean day. Many area residents came out to clean up the garbage.

Mistrial declared in Manners case

COURT The murder trial of two men in the fatal shooting of a Toronto teen allegedly robbed of his necklace in a high school hallway ended in a mistrial Friday.

The jury was in its fourth day of deliberations when it told the judge it could not reach a unanimous verdict in the case.

Jordan Manners, 15, was found in the stairwell of his school, C.W. Jefferys Collegiate, in the city's north end on May 23, 2007.

The men, who cannot be identified because they were under 18 at the time of the death, were both charged with first-degree murder. The decision to have the two stand trial again ultimately lies with the attorney general's office, which would not comment as the matter is still before the court.

Crown and defence lawyers are to appear in court Thursday to determine what will happen next in the case.

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The Nova Scotia Liquor Corp. will increase the price of more than 500 products today, the CBC has reported. Under the increases, a case of 24 Keith's or Coor's Light beer will increase in price by $1.01 to $40.99. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada

Police make $6.5M cocaine bust

A British Columbia man is in jail after a routine highway traffic stop yielded a massive cocaine bust. RCMP stopped a 23-year-old man on the Trans-Canada Highway about noon Friday just west of Waldeck, Sask., for a traffic violation. But when they looked inside the man's car, they found 151 kilograms of cocaine, worth about $6.5 million on the street.

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Seat eyed on post-quake commission

Canada set to pay $100M for spot

Haiti
Crisis

Canada is preparing to pay $100 million to join an exclusive new international club that would guide the rebuilding of earthquake-ravaged Haiti, The Canadian Press has learned.

That's the price tag for a seat on the proposed Interim Haitian Recovery Commission that is expected to be one of the key announcements to be made this week at the New York international donors' conference on Haiti.

"Canada has been a major partner and a major donor to Haiti in the past years, so we will be there," said a senior government official. "Not sure of the structure, but Canada will play a major role."

The new commission will be made up representatives from more than a dozen donor countries, the Haitian government, the Organization of American States, the 15-country Caribbean bloc known as CARICOM, NGOs and international institutions. Its creation is one of two major announcements expected from Wednesday's Haiti summit in New York, senior World Bank officials said.

The other is the creation of a trust fund for Haiti's long-term reconstruction that would operate in concert with the commission.

Yvonne Tsikata, the World Bank director for the Caribbean, noted in an interview that Canada has shown expertise in education, governance and judiciary programs.

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$11.5B

Haiti's government estimates it will ultimately cost $11.5 billion to rebuild from the Jan. 12 quake that killed more than 200,000 people.

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A worker sorts through Olympic backpacks Friday in preparation for the sale of assets from the Vancouver Olympics at a warehouse in Delta, B.C.

Olympic assets go up for sale

B.C. It's not just an Olympic-size garage sale, it's the Olympic garage sale.

Hundreds of thousands of the odds and ends it took to put on the 2010 Winter Olympics and Paralympics are up for sale.

Whether any athletes ever rested their laurels on one of the $199 leather sofas available is anyone's guess. Most of the merchandise bears no sign it was used during the Games.

"They aren't all branded but certainly they are all associated with the Olympics, and that's why people want to come by," said Graham Duncan, director of asset and investment recovery for the province of B.C., which is running the sale.

The province bought the goods from organizers at fair market value.

Some items are unique to these Olympics: For $5 a piece, there are boxes of fake decorative snow, and for $12, barely used real shovels to push it around.

The Delta, B.C., warehouse was open to Olympic staff and volunteers earlier last week, with flat-screen televisions and furniture among the most popular items.

A limited number of televisions and computers are being sold each day of the public sale, which began Saturday and runs seven days a week until the middle of June.

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Online

- B.C. Auction is selling items online, including the massive tower that sat outside GM Place denoting it as the hockey venue.

Group questions aid policy change

DEVELOPMENT A non-governmental aid group is concerned the federal government has shifted its international development policy to favour potential trading partners instead of those that are the poorest.

James Haga, national advocacy director for Engineers Without Borders, said the new policy doesn't line up with the law and that the Canada International Development Agency (CIDA) seems to be ignoring its legislated mandate to use development dollars first and foremost to reduce poverty.

The Official Development Assistance Accountability Act states that all Canadian development assistance abroad must be provided with a central focus on poverty reduction.

However, the law does not stipulate where the assistance must be used to reduce poverty.

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Contract controversy

Watchdog accuses federal agency of unfair hirings

A federal agency that's supposed to ensure government hiring is fair and transparent is being accused of cooking four employment contracts.

The Public Service Commission of Canada issued four sole-source contracts last fall after allowing the favoured candidates to vet their own job descriptions beforehand, says a public watchdog group.

And that amounts to stacking the deck so that any other potential candidates don't stand a chance, charges Canadians for Accountability.

Commission officials "consulted with the designated consultants to tailor the contracts to those individuals," spokesman Michael Dagg wrote last week in a letter of complaint to Treasury Board President Stockwell Day.

Calling it a "major breach" of the government's procurement policy, the group is demanding an investigation.

But a spokeswoman for the Public Service Commission says no rules were broken.

"The PSC has met all the contracting requirements of the government of Canada," Annie Trepanier wrote in an email.

She called it "common practice" to allow a proposed contractor to see a job description before it's posted to ensure the person meets the minimum requirements.

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Contract details

- The four successful applicants were Jacques Bourgault, Janice Cochrane, Elma Heidemann and Martha Hynna, each of whom had been given two previous commission contracts.
- Each contract was worth $21,000 but renewable for up to $84,000 for three additional years.
- Each posting said there would be no job competition because "only one person is capable of doing the work", even though the job description was identical in all four cases.

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A five-alarm fire in a Montreal home claimed four lives yesterday.

Four dead in Montreal blaze

TRAGEDY An early morning fire killed four people in Montreal yesterday.

The fire broke out on the bottom floor of a multi-level triplex in Verdun district shortly after 5 a.m. It spread quickly to the second storey.

A 37-year-old woman and a man in his 40s were pronounced dead at the scene, while a seven-year-old boy and a woman in her 40s died later in hospital.

A fifth person, a neighbour, was taken to hospital to be treated for shock. Another 15 people were evacuated from the building.

More than 100 firefighters fought the five-alarm blaze. The cause of the fire has not yet been determined.

Montreal fire Chief Luc Robillard said it was likely the victims weren't warned about the fire until it was too late.

"The fire was so big, we don't think the fire detector was working," he said.

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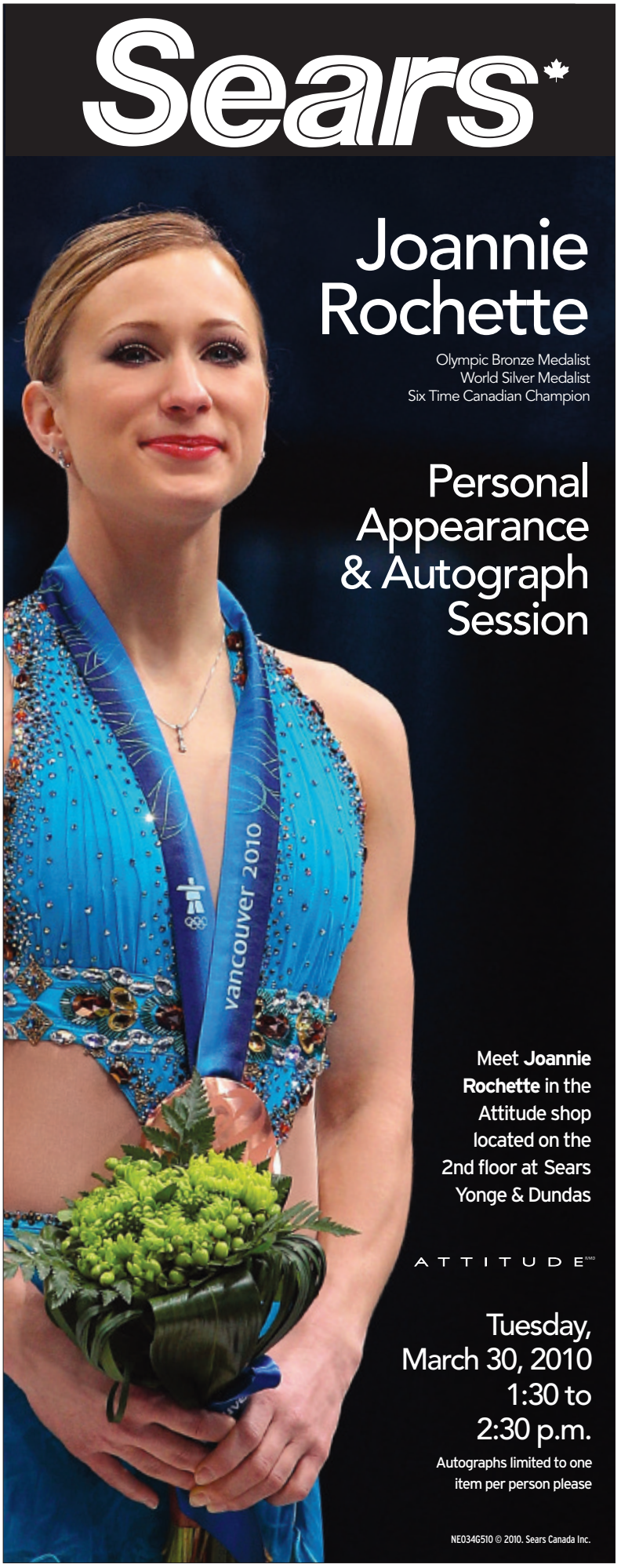

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Rollover closes highway for hours

A rollover Friday night closed a section of Highway 400, north of Barrie, for five hours. Firefighters rescued an injured person trapped in the car. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Libs losing their soul?

Diplomat Fowler questions party's policies

A man who spent months at the hands of al-Qaida captors has set the Liberal policy renewal conference abuzz by warning the party it risks "losing its soul" in its quest for power.

Canadian diplomat Robert Fowler delivered a barn-burning speech yesterday that blasted Liberal foreign policy, which he accused of being beholden to special interests.

"I believe the Liberal party has to a certain extent lost its way, at least in policy terms ... and is danger of losing its soul," he said.

"I have the impression that they will endorse anything and everything which might return them to power."

If Liberal leader Michael Ignatieff didn't appreciate Fowler's frankness, he didn't let it be known, at least publicly. Ignatieff approached him after the speech, shaking his hand warmly and thanking him for "something this party needed to hear."

But Fowler, who is a United Nations special envoy to Niger, didn't limit his criticism to the Liberals. He charged the Conservative government had also let domestic political gains guide its international involvement.

He cited its support for Israel as having compromised the country's ability to be a trusted moderator in the Middle East.

"The scramble to lock up the Jewish vote in Canada meant selling out our widely admired and long-established reputation for fairness and justice," he said.

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Diplomat Robert Fowler says he feels the Liberal party will "endorse anything" to return to power.

He argued that Canadian foreign policy needs a stronger focus on Africa, where the country once had a host of successes.

Fowler was kidnapped in 2008 by Islamist extremists in the Sahara desert and held captive for several months.

Before launching into his broadside, Fowler prefaced his remarks by noting he owes his release last year to Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

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Cape Breton the new Cape Canaveral?

ROCKETS Cape Breton may become a Canadian version of Florida's historic Cape Canaveral, where astronauts and rockets have been launched into outer space for decades.

The Canadian Space Agency is looking at the Nova Scotia island as one of two possible sites to blast small satellites into orbit using an indigenous rocket launch system.

The other possible micro-satellite launch site is Fort Churchill in Manitoba, near Hudson Bay, where hundreds of small research rockets have been launched in the past.

A Manitoba government official says the province is keen on the idea.

Eric Dubuc, a CSA engineer, says pre-feasibility studies were done in 2008 and the first indication is it would be possible for Canada to launch its own rockets.

"It would be feasible, but extremely challenging," he told The Canadian Press.

"During the first two feasibility studies, we had to look at launch sites because they have a direct effect on the sizing of the vehicle, its performance and where you can go with the vehicle," he said.

Dubuc noted that Canada has a "legacy of technology" with the Black Brant, a sounding rocket developed by Winnipeg-based Bristol Aerospace and launched from Fort Churchill.

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Fire destroys Sudbury townhouses
Eight townhouses have been destroyed in Greater Sudbury following a massive fire Friday night. A source tells radio station CJMX that investigators are treating the cause as suspicious. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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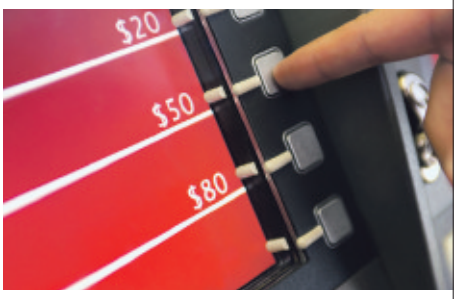

Who will get the last laugh?

Woman files rights complaint

A comedian who put down a lesbian and her partner in the audience is hoping to win over a B.C. Human Rights Commission tribunal this week.

Was Guy Earle's verbal assault discriminatory and spurred solely by the woman's sexual orientation, or was the comic exercising his right to free speech when a crowd member wouldn't settle down?

Earle was the volunteer master of ceremonies at amateur night at a Vancouver restaurant in May 2007. Lorna Pardy and her partner had moved to seats near the stage after the patio closed. Pardy's lawyer says as they spoke with the waitress they were hit by a series of gay slurs courtesy of Earle.

But Earle, who has a day job as a physicist, has a different version of events.

"When you heckle me and you've been disrespectful through the whole show, I come from the George Carlin school of dealing with a heckler," he said in an interview. "So yeah, I shoved it down their throat and that's what you do."

"These guys at this point, they're making out and flipping me the bird."
Guy Earle

Earle said the women were not only ordering their drinks loudly but ignoring his requests to quiet down. In fact, he said, they purposely got louder.

"As an MC, it's kind of your duty to make sure that nobody's disrupting the show," he said. "These guys at this point, they're making out and flipping me the bird."

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Quebec Operation Stone Garden

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Frustration builds on the U.S.-Canadian border as 150 residents of Derby Line, Vt. and Stanstead, Que. protest Saturday afternoon. People were protesting against Operation Stone Garden, an initiative to tighten border control in an otherwise open border town where many buildings including a local library straddle the international border.

Hunting outfitter uses NAFTA to fight caribou curbs

WILDLIFE An American hunting outfitter is trying to use the North American Free Trade Agreement to fight what he considers misguided northern wildlife management.

A move by the Northwest Territories to revoke caribou tags for non-resident hunters is effectively the same as shutting down his business, says John Andre, who operates two hunting camps in the territory from his headquarters in Montana.

His allotment of caribou tags would go from 420 a year at its peak to zero under a proposal now before a northern regulatory board.

"They confiscated my business," he says. "My intent is to be compensated."

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Wildrose grows as Tory talent switches sides

POLITICS The emergence of the Wildrose Alliance has created a tug-of-war over conservative talent in Alberta with some Tories, including members of the federal party, quietly moving over to the upstart rival.

The federal Conservatives have warned MPs to stay out of provincial politics, but at least one — outspoken Calgary member Rob Anders — is willing to say he's taken out a Wildrose membership. And Vitor Marciano, a respected Tory strategist who has worked for both Premier Ed Stelmach's party and the federal Conservatives, recently jumped ship.

Wildrose has surged in public opinion polls since former journalist Danielle Smith became leader last fall. Now, Marciano has set his sights on giving the Wildrose the "plumbing" it needs to become more than a party with a popular leader and good poll numbers. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Deadly bombing rocks Greek capital
A bomb exploded in a residential district of central Athens yesterday, killing one person and wounding a child, authorities said. Authorities said it was not immediately clear what the target of the bomb was, and were examining whether the man who was killed might have been carrying the explosives. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Brazilian prez riding wave of popularity

A poll says the popularity of Brazil's president is at its highest level since he took office in 2003. The Datafolha polling institute says 76 per cent of Brazilians see the government of President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, left, as good or great. It is the highest support for a president since the Datafolha began conducting such polls in 1990. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Momentum shifter?

Obama's big week has White House plotting next steps

Doubted and deeply in need of a comeback, U.S. President Barack Obama had a political dream week: A historic remaking of America's health-care system, an overhaul of how students pay for college, and a groundbreaking deal with Russia to shrink nuclear arsenals.

The biggest foreign and domestic policy victories of Obama's presidency positioned him to keep swinging big. He has fresh results to back up his argument that persistence pays. The White House's thinking is the burst of success, particularly in extending health coverage to millions more people, will carry over to other issues and show lawmakers, and perhaps foreign leaders, the value of sticking with Obama.

As a vindicated tone took hold in West Wing offices, White House press secretary Robert Gibbs put it this way: "Accomplishment demonstrates leadership and strength. And those are tangible currencies in Washington." Yet D.C. is also is known for having a short memory, and the forces working against the president are considerable.

He has a combative relationship with Republicans. An exhausted public is looking for jobs. His political base wants action on energy and immigration. There's a shrinking legislative window and the Democratic Party is wary of big losses in November's Congressional elections.

"(The Obama White House) had a political near-death experience over health care the past few months. It turned out OK in the end, but it was a close call."
Political analyst William Galston

Obama has a choice to make about the next phase of his presidency, said William Galston, a former domestic policy aide in Bill Clinton's White House and now a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution. That phase runs between now and about August, when the campaign season for November's elections will consume even more of lawmakers' time.

Obama can follow through on his promised shift back to the economy — pursuing more jobs bills and a revamp of Wall Street regulations — and then hone in on helping Democrats win election. Or he can add in aggressive campaigns to pass immigration and climate-change legislation this year.

The Obama White House "had a political near-death experience over health care the past few months. It turned out OK in the end, but it was a close call," Galston said. "So I think they have to ask themselves: Do they think Democratic elected officials and the electorate have the stomach for a lot more controversy?"

The next big legislative goal is rewriting how the government regulates the financial sector, adding consumer protections and preventing a repeat of the 2008 meltdown. Obama hopes to have a bill to his desk by the fall.

As encompassing as the health-care victory was for Obama and Democratic leaders, it took much longer than the White House envisioned. That had a cost.

Whatever Congress starts but does not finish this year will die. A new Congress will need to start fresh in 2011. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

PAKISTAN Troops repulsed a Taliban attack yesterday on an army base and bombed two militant hideouts close to the Afghan border, killing 22 insurgents in a region where the army is pressing an offensive, a government official said. The fighting occurred in the Orakzai tribal region where many militants are believed to have fled from a major operation in their former stronghold of South Waziristan.

ZIMBABWE An independent newspaper has apologized to Queen Elizabeth II for publishing a computer-doctored photograph showing the 83-year old monarch pregnant during news reports on a visit to Britain earlier this month by South African President Jacob Zuma. The Standard says the photo was drawn satirizing Zuma for his alleged promiscuity. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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U.S. President Barack Obama greets American troops yesterday at Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan.

Obama demands accountability from Afghanistan on secret visit

KABUL On an Afghanistan trip shrouded in secrecy, U.S. President Barack Obama demanded accountability from the country's leaders, greater vigilance against corruption and better governing as he widens America's commitment to the eight-year-old war he inherited and then dramatically escalated.

Obama said the U.S. would not quit in Afghanistan, but he made clear that he's looking for an end to direct involvement in the fight against Taliban and al-Qaida extremists. He drove that point home in meetings with Afghan President Hamid Karzai and his cabinet in the capital, and in a speech before a cheering crowd of about 2,500 troops and civilians at Bagram Air Field north of Kabul.

"The Afghans have suffered for decades," he said, "decades of war but we are here to help the Afghans forge a hard-won peace."

Obama's speech to the troops, delivered in a cavernous tent known as the "clam shell," was the final event on his brief, only hours-long trip that occurred entirely at night.

The trip, its secrecy forced by security concerns, was an extraordinary capstone to a momentous week in Obama's presidency. He achieved the most ambitious domestic policy initiative in decades with a historic health-care overhaul and scored first major foreign policy achievement with a significant new arms control treaty with Russia.

Obama's aides did not try to hide U.S. impatience about Afghanistan's halting efforts to battle corruption and cronyism in government.

"The president (Karzai) needs to be seized with how important that is," said Jim Jones, Obama's national security adviser.

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Court overturns acquittal in Bahrain murder
Bahrain's High Appeals Criminal court has overturned the acquittal of 19 Shiites accused of killing a policeman, and has sentenced the men to three years in jail. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Germany **Who knew eggs grew on trees?**

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Jette Kuehlwei stands among 9,500 Easter eggs yesterday in the garden of Christa and Volker Kraft in Saalfeld, Germany. The Kraft family has decorated their tree at Easter for the last 40 years.

News in brief

CHINA At least 152 people were trapped underground yesterday after water gushed into a coal mine in northern China, a government official said. The Wangjialing coal mine in Shanxi province was flooded by underground water as 261 miners were working in the pit, a duty officer at the State Administration of Coal Mine Safety said. The man, who refused to give his name, said 109 of the miners escaped but the others remained trapped and rescue work was underway. He said the cause was still under investigation.

IRAQ Several bombs exploded yesterday near a house linked to a prominent Sunni figure who ran in this month's parliamentary elections in Iraq, killing five people and wounding 26 others, a police official said.

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Missing man resurfaces

Chinese lawyer known for dissidence was previously jailed

A dissident Chinese lawyer who was missing for more than a year suddenly resurfaced yesterday, saying he is now living in northern China and wants only to spend time with his family away from media attention.

Twitter messages appeared saying Gao Zhisheng's family had been in touch with him and listed his phone number. It was the first contact that friends, family and reporters have had with Gao since he went missing Feb. 4, 2009, from his hometown in central China.

Before being jailed and otherwise muzzled four years ago, Gao was the most dauntless of a new group of civil liberties lawyers. He took on sensitive cases involving underground Christians and the banned Falun Gong spiritual group and was also an advocate of constitutional reform.

The United States and the European Union had called on China to investigate his disappearance.

Chinese authorities gave vague explanations about Gao's whereabouts, heightening worries that he had been jailed or tortured as he was previously.

Contacted briefly on his cellphone, Gao said he is living in Wutai Shan, a mountain range famous as a Buddhist retreat, and that he is "free at present."

"I just want to be in peace and quiet for a while and be reunited with my family," Gao said. "Most people belong with family. I have not been with mine for a long time. This is a mistake and I want to correct this mistake."

Gao Zhiseng

Gao declined to answer further questions, saying he was not allowed by law, nor was he willing, to accept media interviews. Bans on interviews are often a condition of parole.

Li Heping, a Beijing-based human rights lawyer and friend of Gao's, said he had also reached Gao on his cellphone and they had spoken briefly, and that he believed Gao was being followed by authorities.

"I believe he does not have freedom," Li said. "First, when we were speaking, he sounded like he wanted to hang up. He told me that he had friends around him. I'm sure that the people around him are limiting what he can say."

"Secondly, he would not tell me exactly where he is when I suggested visiting him," Li said. "We are very concerned about his situation."

Gao was arrested in August 2006, convicted at a one-day trial and placed under house arrest. State media at the time said he was accused of subversion.

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Severe beatings

- In a statement made public just before he disappeared last year, Gao Zhiseng described severe beatings from Chinese security forces, electric shocks to his genitals, and cigarettes held to his eyes during a 2007 detention.

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Libya reopens borders to travellers from blacklisted nations
Libya lifted a visa ban on travellers from 25 European nations after the resolving a diplomatic row that began with Switzerland. THE ASSOCIATE PRESS

Arab League backs talks

Arab leaders renewed their support for Mideast peace efforts Sunday, rejecting pressure from Syria and Libya on the Palestinians to abandon talks with Israel and resume armed resistance.

"The Arab peace initiative is a serious move. If we withdraw it, what will be the Arab stance after that," Arab League Secretary-General Amr Moussa told reporters after the summit's closing session.

But the calls from Damascus and Tripoli to quit peace efforts reflected the depth of frustration and anger over the stalled peace process and continued Israeli construction in areas claimed by the Palestinians, particularly east Jerusalem.

"We will not follow those who have special agendas."
Nabil Abu Redeneh, aide to Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas

Syrian President Bashar Assad urged Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas to withdraw from a U.S.-supported peace strategy and take up arms against Israel, according to two delegates who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the issue.

Summit host Moammar Gadhafi of Libya warned that his nation will withdraw support for the peace initiative launched at a 2002 Arab League summit in Beirut.

Senior Abbas aide Nabil Abu Rdeneh swiftly dismissed the pressure.

"Let us be realistic. We will not follow those who have special agendas," he told Al-Jazeera television.

"We are ready for any Arab option. If they want to go to war let them declare that and mobilize their armies and their people and we will follow suit."

The wrangling reflects deep division among Arabs over how to deal with the stalled Mideast talks. Arabs blame the sides' failure to return to the negotiating table on Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

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South Koreans frustrated by search for sailors

SEARCH Weeping, angry relatives of 46 crew members missing after a mysterious explosion sank a South Korean navy ship sailed around the site Sunday while others criticized the government for lack of results as rescue teams struggled to search for survivors.

No one has been found since an initial rescue of 58 sailors from the 1,200-ton Cheonan that sank early Saturday near the tense border with North Korea. No bodies have been discovered either.

The ship had been on a routine patrol with other vessels in the Yellow Sea off South Korea's western coast. The exact cause of the explosion — one of South Korea's worst naval disasters — remained unclear and officials said it could take weeks to determine.

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Swiss casino robbed by masked men

Armed and masked men raided a casino packed with 600 guests early yesterday and made off with hundreds of thousands of dollars, according to Swiss prosecutors. The Grand Casino in Basel is little more than 200 metres from Switzerland's border with France. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Holy Week starts amid crisis

Pope makes no direct mention of abuse scandal in homily

Pope Benedict XVI opened Holy Week yesterday amid one of the most serious crises facing the church in decades, with protesters in London demanding he resign and calls in Switzerland for a central registry for pedophile priests.

Benedict made no direct mention of the scandal in his Palm Sunday homily. But one of the prayers, recited in Portuguese during Mass, was "for the young and for those charged with educating them and protecting them."

Jesus Christ, Benedict said in his homily, guides the faithful "toward the courage that doesn't let us be intimidated by the chatting of dominant opinions, towards patience that supports others."

Palm Sunday commemorates Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, and is the start of the church's Holy Week, which includes the Good Friday re-enactment of Christ's crucifixion and death and his resurrection on Easter Sunday.

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Protesters demonstrate yesterday outside Westminster Cathedral in London, England calling for Pope Benedict to resign and accusing him of covering up child abuse by Catholic clergy in the past.

This year, the most solemn week on the Catholic Church's liturgical calendar has been stained by a clerical abuse scandal that has spread across Europe to the Pope's native Germany.

In London yesterday, a few dozen people gathered outside Westminster Cathedral to demand the Pope resign. Demonstrators carried placards saying "Pope? Nope!" and "Don't Turn a Blind Eye."

And in Switzerland, Swiss President Doris Leuthard told the weekly SonntagsZeitung that Switzerland should consider creating a central registry of pedophile priests to prevent them from coming into contact with more children.

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UN envoy questions China's climate stance

CLIMATE A global climate deal will not happen soon if China maintains the view that it is not historically responsible for today's global warming, special UN climate change envoy Gro Harlem Brundtland said yesterday.

Brundtland said the Copenhagen climate conference in December was a debacle because "a determined China" blamed industrialized nations for global warming and refused to join a drive to halve worldwide emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases by 2050.

"We cannot have a global deal" at a follow-up conference in Mexico this year unless China changes its mind, Brundtland told the Brussels Forum, an annual trans-Atlantic security conference.

C.S. Kiang, head of the Sustainable Development Technology Foundation in Beijing, said "China definitely wants to share responsibility" in climate change issues.

"China is working very hard. But it is going to take some time with 1.3 billion people," he said.

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Beijing's focus

- China has focused largely on cutting sulfur dioxide emissions that stem from coal and oil burning. China is the world's largest sulfur dioxide polluter. Its emissions have risen by about a quarter since 2000.

News in brief

TIME ZONE Russia's president eliminated two of its 11 time zones yesterday. The changes mean that Russia's eastern extreme is now nine hours ahead of its westernmost area. Formerly, there was 10 hours' difference. Also two regions in central Russia are now on the same time as Moscow.

ITALY Voters began casting ballots yesterday in Italy's regional elections, which are being seen as an important test of popularity for Premier Silvio Berlusconi.

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Thai political summit stalls

PM refuses to yield to Red Shirts' demands

Thai Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva and leaders of anti-government protests failed to reach an agreement yesterday in nationally televised talks on how to solve the country's political crisis and said they would try again the next day.

The talks marked a civilized pause after weeks of demonstrations and fiery rhetoric that prompted Abhisit to seek refuge at an army base.

The two sides sat across a conference table from each other and shook hands. With strained smiles, they reiterated their sharply different stances and adjourned three hours later no closer to a resolution. They agreed to meet tonight.

"Our request is simple and direct: Dissolve Parliament for the people to decide again," said Veera Muksikapong, a protest leader. He was joined by two other leaders, all dressed in their signature red shirts.

A tense-looking Abhisit reiterated his position that dissolving Parliament would not solve Thailand's deep political crisis.

"I have to make a decision based on a consensus from the entire country, including the Red Shirts," Abhisit said. "We have to think: Will dissolution really solve the problem?"

Abhisit has repeatedly rejected protesters' demands that he dissolve Parliament and call new elections.

Thousands of protesters gathered in the historic heart of Bangkok awaiting direction from their leaders on how to respond if the talks failed. During more than two weeks of protests, the number of participants has peaked at more than 100,000.

The protest movement consists largely of supporters of former prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra, who was ousted by a 2006 military coup for alleged corruption, and pro-democracy activists who opposed the coup.

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Preventing gridlock is a priority now

InTransit

Ed Drass

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Will traffic congestion wait until the province pares down its deficit? Ontario's budget woes are serious but the Liberal government's decision to cut transit expansion last week pretends that gridlock is no real threat to the GTA.

By cutting $4 billion of the promised $9.5-billion Let's Move regional transit plan, the province is delaying relief to many, many commuters who face longer trips, increased crowding and more erratic road conditions.

And, yet, the original figure was already too small. Let's Move was indeed a huge leap after decades of inadequate expansion — but it did not really come close to matching population growth in the GTA.

Despite the number of corridors in crying need of better transit, some of the projects that seem safe from cuts may not help that many travellers. The Spadina subway extension continues, although it won't justify its high cost for decades. The airport rail link goes ahead, to bring us prestige but little capacity.

Routes that most transit riders already use — all those busy bus lines across Toronto — may slowly choke with auto congestion. The Transit City plan offered traffic-free travel through wide swaths of 416 on light rail trains but the network is now threatened, as are key transit lines in 905. The timetable of overdue repairs and replacements, such as for the worn-out Scarborough RT, is suddenly unclear — making improvements like new subway platform barriers seem like fantasy.

There are hard questions about how we will get around this region in coming years and yet we put off the difficult debate over how to actually pay for transport capacity. Tolls, parking charges, sales tax — what choice do we really have, besides doing nothing?

Ask your provincial and federal politicians if they foresee gridlock in the GTA, and whether current expansion plans can realistically prevent it.

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Subway delays: Despite an apparent rise in signal, switch and smoke disruptions, the TTC reports there is no significant increase in overall train delays.

Quick tip

• If you want to turn in old TTC tickets and day passes at Bloor-Yonge station, do it by March 31. Otherwise go to TTC offices at Davisville. See ttc.ca for details.

Toronto-based transport writer Ed Drass covers transit issues every Monday; transit@eddrass.com.

Views

Soul searching and dreaming of Snickers

HineSight

Anne Hines

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Spring is here. Flowers bloom. Robins sing. Buds ... well, bud. It's the time of year when all of nature rejoices. And I, of course, am miserable.

Forty days, six hours and 20 minutes ago, I gave up chocolate for Lent. Lent is a Christian observance based on the Bible account of Jesus being driven into the desert for several weeks where he suffered starvation, exposure to the elements and taunting from demons. For me, the story has always been vaguely reminiscent of the summer I spent at overnight camp. It's traditional, from mid-February to Easter, for Christians to enter into some kind of self-inflicted suffering. So, since I no longer date, I remember Jesus' harrowing, soul-testing struggle by going six weeks without a Snickers bar.

I'm not always sure this makes a lot of sense. Generally, I like the concept of self-denial. As long as it doesn't mean I have to give anything up. But most religions seem to insist that a little suffering of the body is good for the soul. For instance, in ancient times a group called Essenes proclaimed that the pathway to true joy was to exist with no sex, no decent food and nothing whatsoever that might make life the least bit comfortable. Incredibly, this movement did not catch on.

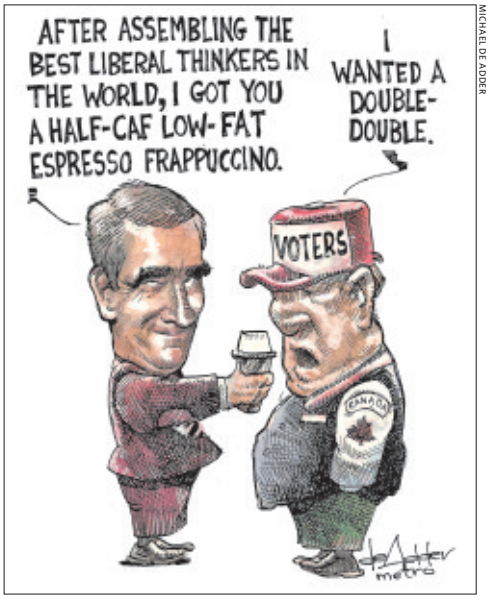
An advantage of giving up chocolate for Lent is that not only do I suffer, everyone around me suffers, too. One year I told my partner Liz I was going to observe Lent by giving up coffee. She said she'd observe it by giving up living with me.

So, is this little suffering bringing me spiritual renewal and awareness? Truthfully, the only thing I've become aware of so far is that I'm in serious danger of rolling the next person who stands near me while holding a Kit Kat.

Outside, my tiny backyard garden is awash in purple and yellow crocuses. Tree branches shimmer with gauzy green buds. The evening skies are opals and fire. Mother Nature is lavishing us with the indulgent pleasures of spring. Denying us nothing.

While I, being only human, wait for Easter. And dream of Snickers bars.

Anne Hines is an author and humour writer. She has written three novels and one collection of nonfiction humour.



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Manulife chief executive paid $9.33M in 2009

INCENTIVES The chief executive of Manulife Financial Corp. was paid $9.33 million in direct compensation last year for his performance with the Canadian life insurance giant.

Manulife's board of directors says Donald Guloien helped navigate the firm away from some of the most dangerous financial exposures during the economic downturn, and has been rewarded for his efforts.

Guloien made a $1.06-million salary and $8.27 million in various other incentives in 2009.

However, the board accepted his request to cap his bonus at about $1 million, slightly less than half of the total he earned, with the rest of the amount deferred to the 2010 financial year through stock.

Manulife earned $1.4 billion for the year, versus $517 million in 2008.

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Tough competition

RIM must satisfy consumer demands: Analysts

BlackBerry maker Research In Motion Ltd. is expected to continue solid international growth with its high-end Bold and a lower-end model when it releases its fourth-quarter results Wednesday.

But the challenge will be to continue to appeal to consumers, especially in North America, with a faster web experience and easier access to software applications as it competes with the iPhone and Android smartphones, analysts say.

PCMag Mobile analyst Sascha Segan said consumers want the same experience on their smartphones as they have on their personal computers.

"The iPhone and the Android platforms provide a far, far better web and apps experience than the BlackBerry," Segan said from New York.

RIM, already dominant among business users for its secure, direct delivery of email, has been going after the consumer market where the iPhone has created a lot of buzz with its emphasis on software applications like games, maps and other programs.

"Everything that RIM has brought to the table still holds true, but Apple has taken it to the next level and said, 'Let's go beyond email,'" said analyst Nick Agostino of Mackie Research Capital in Toronto.

While the BlackBerry is still the dominant smartphone in North America with the iPhone in second place, it's about staying relevant, Segan said.

"People are starting to get afraid that RIM is relying on its laurels a bit," said Segan, managing editor for PCMag Mobile. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Mobile surfing

- Waterloo-based Research in Motion is expected to introduce a new web browser for Internet surfing on the BlackBerry in June.

GM Canada to recall more than 700 workers

AUTO General Motors Canada announced Friday it is recalling more than 700 laid-off workers in Ontario to meet hot demand for two of its most popular vehicles, indicating the company is quickly recovering from its near extinction last year.

In a sign GM has come a long way from a year ago — when it was surviving on government aid and about to file for bankruptcy protection in the U.S. — the company said it will add a third shift at its Oshawa assembly plant and increase production at its CAMI plant in Ingersoll.

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Canadian Auto Workers union president Ken Lewenza.

To do this, it will recall approximately 600 workers to its Oshawa plant and 110 workers to CAMI. It will also hire 70 new employees at CAMI. The automaker said the increased production is in response to growing customer demand for the Chevrolet Equinox and GMC Terrain.

"Quite frankly I've got goosebumps today," said CAW president Ken Lewenza. "We are excited and we are relieved to see actual employment as a result of the hot products General Motors has on the market today." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Business in brief

VOLVO Zhejiang Geely Holding Group signed a binding deal yesterday to buy Ford Motor Co.'s Volvo Cars unit for $1.8 billion US, representing a coup for the independent Chinese automaker, which is aiming to expand in Europe. The purchase gives Geely a European luxury car brand with a reputation for safety and quality at a time when China, which last year surpassed the U.S. as the world's largest car market, is eager to improve its competitiveness by acquiring foreign auto brands that might help improve its technology and expand into overseas markets. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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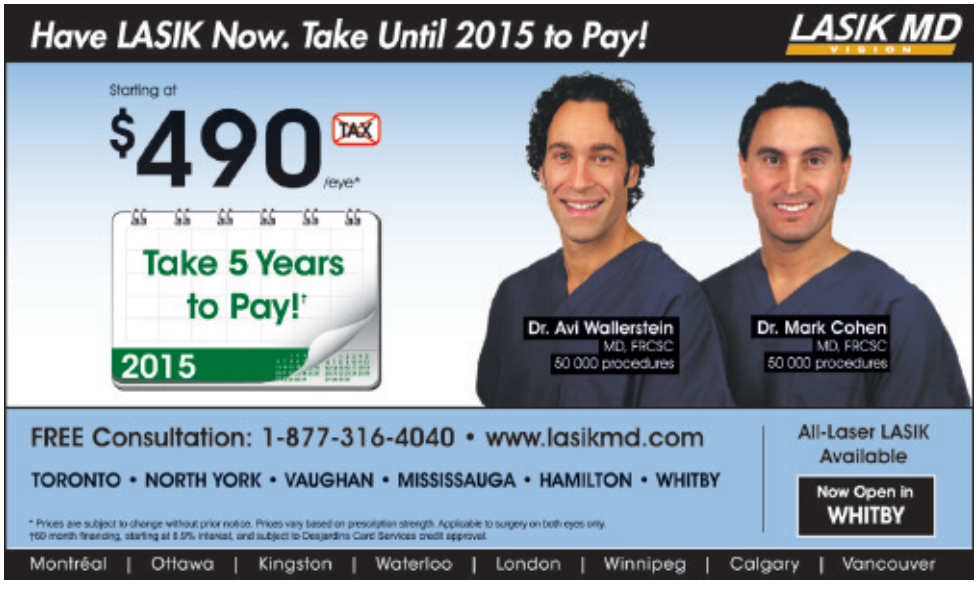

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Copernic to buy waste management equipment firm
Computer search firm Copernic Inc. is buying waste management equipment maker Fanotech Manufacturing Group in a cash and stock deal. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Economy revving up?

BMO Capital expects 4.7% first-quarter growth

Investors will receive guidance this week from some top-drawer economic data, including key reports on Canada's economic growth and the U.S. job situation.

The main event for Canada on a holiday-shortened week will be Wednesday when Statistics Canada releases its snapshot of economic growth in January.

Economists are expecting Canadian gross domestic product grew by 0.5 per cent during the month compared with December.

That would be a slight dip from the month-to-month growth reported in December, but a vast improvement from January 2009 when the economy shrank in the midst of a global recession.

"The stimulus has helped but the economy seems to be firing on pretty well all cylinders right now."
Sal Guatieri, economist

BMO Capital estimates the economy grew at 4.7 per cent in the three months ending March 31, compared with a decline of seven per cent in 2009.

January economic performance was boosted by solid increases in manufacturing and wholesale sales.

And unlike the U.S. economy the strong rise wasn't hugely dependent on government stimulus.

"The stimulus has helped but the economy seems to be firing on pretty well all cylinders right now," said Sal Guatieri, senior economist at BMO Capital Markets.

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INTERNET More than 1,100 communities have approached Google Inc. in hopes of landing one of the ultra-fast broadband networks the company plans to build in a handful of spots around the U.S.

Last month, Google said it will build experimental fibre-optic networks that will deliver Internet connections of 1 gigabit per second to as many as 500,000 Americans.

That would be up to 300 times faster than the broadband services reaching most U.S. homes today.

Friday marked the deadline for governments and citizens to express interest.

Google said the response has been "tremendous and creative," with communities using everything from YouTube videos to Facebook groups to public rallies to promote themselves. The company will announce winners by the end of the year.

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Going Green

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Skating sweetheart goes green

Chouinard challenges students to look for eco-friendly solutions

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Following Canada's tremendous, inspiring success at the recent winter Olympic games in Vancouver, one of the most popular Canadian Olympians of the past 20 years is looking to a greener future.

Josee Chouinard — three-time Canadian champion figure skater, and Olympic athlete in 1992 and '94 — is spearheading a contest to find Canada's greenest school.

"My children started school this year — I've got five-year-old twins," Chouinard told Metro recently.

"As a mom, it's very, very hard to send not only my first child to school, but my last child as well! I felt really, really guilty that they had to take the bus."

But school buses, it turns out, are a much greener option than taking kids to school in private cars. IC Bus, the largest integrated manufacturer of school buses in North America, launched the Canada's Greenest School contest last month.

One of their new hybrid buses — a $200,000 value — is the top prize.

"I think it is a great thing to encourage the young generation," the 42-year-old Montreal-born Chouinard says. "By having students doing submissions and entering the contest, and showing how their schools are committed to going green, it teaches each student the value of green living. They can also show their dedication to green transportation and how it can embody the spirit of a greener planet."

The top prize in the Greenest School contest is a $200,000 hybrid school bus.

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Josee Chouinard

Students are encouraged to make eco-friendly suggestions for making their schools greener.

The winner gets $3,000 toward their future education.

The winner's classroom gets free school supplies for a year and — of course — there's a brand new green bus for the winning school.

"This week, for example, is a school week of lunch with no garbage," says Chouinard.

"It's good to get the message to the kids, and change your lifestyle through your kids. This is a perfect fit for me, and because Vancouver had the goal to be the greenest Olympics ever, everything ties in."

It's now 16 years since Josee Chouinard graced Olympic ice.

She is both surprised and delighted at how many people remember her Olympic career.

"Let's face it, it has been a while," she smiles. "But being involved in charity and good causes keeps me close to the people. There's so many ideas we can get from the creativity of the students in this contest. As adults, we can learn from them, and encourage them to be even more creative."

Josee Chouinard

Canada's greenest school

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5 Harmful forest foods

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Rice fields emit between 50 and 100 million tonnes of methane per year.

Has it ever crossed your mind that those cookie crumbs in your lap could be related to the wiping out of the world's rainforests?

Here are the top five foods that are actually causing trees to get the chop:

1 Beef

The clearing of rainforests to create grassland for cattle to graze on is of huge concern. This will then lead to the degradation of soil and the pollution of rivers nearby — was that juicy beef burger really worth it?

2 Palm oil

Rainforest land, most notably across Asia (Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand) is being cleared for palm oil plantations — as this productive oil seed is has become the number one food crop worldwide. Palm oil is a common substitute for partially hydrogenated oils and can be found in anything ranging from cookies to cereal or bread.

3 Rice

The forests of Asia are being destroyed in order to make room for rice fields, paddies. Not only is this contributing to the loss of precious land and loss of habitat for many local species, rice fields emit the largest amounts of methane gas, between 50 and 100 million tonnes a year.

4 Corn

Following the U.S. subsidies tagged to corn for the production of ethanol, production has soared, especially in the Amazon rainforest.

5 Soy

More and more people are choosing to consume less meat, a decision that has led to an increase in demand for soy, the main ingredient used in making tofu (a staple of the vegetarian diet). Soy covers some 11 million hectares of forest across South America.

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Sports

Bronze for Jones

Canada's Jennifer Jones, left, salvaged a bronze medal yesterday at the Ford women's world curling championship with a 9-6 win over Sweden's Cecilia Ostlund. Her Winnipeg team recovered from a 10-4 thrashing by Scotland's Eve Muirhead in the semifinal Saturday night. Germany won the gold with an 8-6 extra-end victory over Scotland. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Raptors wilt as Heat make late comeback

NBA RESULTS

Raptors 94 **Heat** 97

VS

Dwyane Wade scored 32 points, and the Miami Heat rallied from a 17-point deficit to beat the Toronto Raptors 97-94 last night.

Miami outscored Toronto 19-7 in the final 6:12, taking the lead for good at 91-89 on Carlos Arroyo's jumper with 59 seconds remaining. He made it a four-point game with two free throws with 22 seconds remaining.

Jarrett Jack hit a three-pointer with 1.8 seconds left to cut the Miami lead to 95-94, but Arroyo secured the Heat's fifth consecutive victory with two free throws with 1.4 seconds left.

Udonis Haslem scored 11 of his 23 points in the fourth quarter for the Heat, in sixth place in the Eastern Conference.

Chris Bosh led Toronto with 19 points. Andrea Bargnani finished with 19 points and Jose Calderon with 12. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Crosby sparks Pens

NHL RESULTS

Leafs 4 **Penguins** 5 (SO)

VS

Sidney Crosby ended a seven-game stretch without a goal by scoring twice, then joined Pascal Dupuis with shootout markers as the Pittsburgh Penguins rallied to beat the Toronto Maple Leafs 5-4 yesterday.

The Penguins trailed 4-3 until Matt Cooke deflected defenceman Brooks Orpik's slapshot from the right point with 3:48 remaining in regulation. Orpik had his first three-point game by also assisting on Crosby's NHL-leading 46th and 47th goals.

After Phil Kessel was turned aside by Penguins goalie Marc-Andre Fleury in the shootout, Crosby converted for the eighth time in 10 attempts by putting a wrist shot under the crossbar. Fleury stopped Nikolai Kulemin's backhander before Dupuis — on his first shootout attempt all season — also put a wrister by Jean-Sebastien Giguere.

Tyler Kennedy also scored as the Penguins moved ahead of New Jersey (95-93) for the Atlantic Division lead and the likely No. 2 seeding in the Eastern Conference playoffs. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Toronto Maple Leaf Mikhail Grabovski and Pittsburgh Penguin Bill Guerin battle for a loose puck yesterday.

Winter Classic in Pittsburgh?

- Pittsburgh is making a strong push to play host to the NHL's next Winter Classic on Jan. 1, matching the league's two signature stars in the Penguins' Sidney Crosby and the Capitals' Alex Ovechkin at Heinz Field.

Final Four features some unexpected contenders

NCAA BASKETBALL One of the most unpredictable NCAA tournaments in recent history served up a bit of the familiar for the Final Four — and a good dose of something completely different.

Coached by Bob (Huggy Bear) Huggins, West Virginia will make its first appearance since 1959, back when Jerry West played guard. Its opponent Saturday will be Duke, the only No. 1 seed to make it to Indianapolis.

The other game features a pair of No. 5 seeds — the first time that's happened.

There's tiny Butler, which plays in the gym where they filmed the basketball classic Hoosiers and is making its first Final Four appearance. And there's Michigan State — making its sixth appearance in the past 12 years, but probably its most unexpected. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Minnesota wins Clarkson Cup

Megan Van Beusekom-Sweerin earned the shutout as the Minnesota Whitecaps defeated the Brampton Thunder 4-0 yesterday in the final of the Clarkson Cup women's hockey tournament. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sports in brief

SOCCER Fernando Torres scored twice yesterday as Liverpool's struggle to qualify for the Champions League was helped by a 3-0 victory over Sunderland. The victory moved Liverpool up to fifth in the Premier League, four points behind fourth-place Tottenham having played a game more.

F1 McLaren's Jenson Button survived a first-corner collision and successfully gambled on a bold tire strategy to win a thrilling Formula One Australian Grand Prix yesterday. Button was the first driver prepared to change from intermediate tires to slicks on a drying track, and drove the final 52 laps on a wearing set of soft tires to claim back-to-back wins in Melbourne.

YANKEES A British study says New York Yankees baseball players are the best paid in global team sport ahead of Real Madrid's footballers. The report, compiled by www.sportingintelligence.com, only gave figures in British pounds, with Yankees players listed as having an average salary in 2009 of 4.7 million pounds (currently about $6.95 million US). The figure for Madrid was 4.2 million pounds.

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Can't get much better

No matter what their competitive future holds, for Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir, this season will be stamped in the history books as the finest ever by a Canadian ice dance duo.

Canada's newly minted ice dance stars wrapped up a brilliant undefeated campaign, Patrick Chan enjoyed some measure of redemption after a disappointing season, and Cynthia Phaneuf carried Canada's flag admirably in the absence of Joannie Rochette at the world figure skating championships.

Now, Skate Canada bosses head home thoroughly pleased with the team's performance in Italy, which capped not just this single season but four years of concerted focus on the Vancouver Olympics.

"It's been a great world championship," said Skate Canada CEO William Thompson. "Obviously to have Tessa and Scott come in and win a gold medal is tremendous. And Patrick to get himself back on the world podium is a big deal."

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Ice dance gold medallists Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir perform in the closing gala yesterday at the world figure skating championships in Turin, Italy.

Virtue, 20, and Moir, 22, had a fairy tale season — first Olympic gold, then their first world championship title. While the two haven't committed to competing next season, Thompson believes they will.

"I don't think anyone should read into (their waffling) at this stage," Thompson said. "They had a goal, they wanted to finish this season, then they have to sit and evaluate what they want to do next. They like to compete, they like to train, they're still young." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Gathright released as Jays trim down spring roster

BASEBALL It was still too early in the morning to call his agent, so Joey Gathright packed his things, accepted a few solemn handshakes and wandered out of the clubhouse without knowing exactly where he was headed after being released by the Toronto Blue Jays.

"I'm lost," he said. "I've never been released, so I don't know what the next step is."

The 28-year-old outfielder was one of three players sent packing yesterday morning as the Blue Jays trimmed their roster heading into the final week of spring training. Infielder Brad Emaus and outfielder Chris Lubanski were re-assigned to the minors.

Morrow

- Pitcher Brandon Morrow is scheduled to throw three innings in a minor league game today after dealing with soreness in his right shoulder.

Toronto has 36 players left in camp, and general manager Alex Anthopoulos is aiming to have his opening day roster set by the time the team leaves Florida for a two-game pre-season finale in Houston beginning Friday. The Blue Jays will open the regular season on the road three days later against the Texas Rangers.

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NBA

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NCAA

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

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uCalgary appoints engineering dean as president
Yesterday the University of Calgary's board of governors endorsed Dr. Elizabeth Cannon, the current dean of the institution's Schulich School of Engineering, as the university's next president, effective July 1. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology

Project Hero controversy at uRegina

Sixteen University of Regina professors have written to the school's president outlining their concerns over the university joining Project Hero, a free scholarship program for children of fallen Canadian Forces personnel. They state the program glorifies military action, and they don't want their university to take part in it. One political science professor says the program's name celebrates military intervention abroad adding, "We think this is a glorification of the Afghan effort." METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Literally a literary success

Opened during the recession, Re: Reading going strong one year on

Small Business **Success Story**

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for Metro Canada

"If your first year is your worst year, we should be fine," says Christopher Sheedy, owner of Re: Reading (548 Danforth Ave.). Celebrating their "paper" anniversary this coming Easter weekend, the sizeable used book shop has become a community icon for more than just its selection of collectibles, first-editions, DVDs and soft covers.

PHOTOS: KEITH CARMAN/FOR METRO CANADA

Re: Reading's owner Christopher Sheedy is celebrating the store's one-year anniversary this weekend.

Thanks to neighbourhood spirit, Re: Reading has entrenched itself in the essence of Toronto as a whole, amassing critical praise (including NOW magazine's critics' pick best bookstore) and supportive word-of-mouth many proprietors only dream of.

"The community has been extraordinarily supportive. Everyone's pleased that there's a used bookstore here," Sheedy beams, noting how denizens enjoy Re: Reading for a number of reasons: As a point of purchase, a place to discuss/enjoy the written word during downtime as well as the inevitable pride developed when seeing their own fellowship flourish.

Returning the favour, Re: Reading regularly participates in or donates to local schools, youth groups and community programs however possible, confirming Sheedy's sentiment that the shop's greatest accomplishment is its positive impact — both personally and around the constituency.

"I work to live, not live to work. I still do that even though this is my business," he asserts. "Working for someone else, having a day that I came home and didn't complain was a surprise. The plan was to open (a book shop) when we retired but my wife prompted me to try it now. Since opening in April (2009), I might have had one bad day out of 365. That's my biggest success and everyone in my life comments how I'm much happier."

Encountering the soft lighting, comfortable seating and dark wood floors that set Re: Reading's ambience, one can see why Sheedy is content. His boutique is far from another mousey shop crammed with mouldy, dog-eared copies of long-forgotten text. Crisp and bright, organized yet welcoming, it emotes a sense of living rooms and conversation as opposed to dust and register receipts.

Still, Sheedy seems oblivious that his own presence contributes to Re: Reading's success, preferring to animatedly illustrate store features: Aisles allowing access for double-wide strollers, a reading area and a clean, mild atmosphere that continuously generates praise.

"I have a passion for what I do which I guess fills the air with good vibes. I'm glad they're happy though. I wanted (the store) to be comfortable so I designed a place for myself and a by-product of that is how it translates into customers."

Thanks to much research and an inherent adoration for literature, there have been no major hurdles or lessons in prompting his fledgling bookstore to fly.

"(Seeing as I enjoy) standing around talking about books with people all day, I guess I really started a few steps down the path."

New locations on the horizon

- Christopher Sheedy concludes that while appreciative of a strong debut year at Re:Reading, he aspires for an even more, which includes opening a location in The Beach by 2011.

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Workology in brief

CFI PRACTICES DEEMED "WORLD'S BEST" The Canada Foundation for Innovation is the most successful research funding organization of its kind worldwide, according to a new international review panel report. The panel observes that for over a decade, the CFI has been a key player in rebuilding the country's status as a destination of choice for research talent and collaboration. The report states the CFI's foundation model gives it the autonomy and flexibility needed to promote excellence through rigorous funding competitions. The organization's programs and processes, the report notes, "involve world's best practices that are worthy of emulation." METRO NEWS SERVICES

Follow your dream, responsibly

No short cut to success, you always have to work hard: Author

RAFAEL BRUSILOW
for Metro Canada

If you feel stuck in a job that frustrates more than satisfies, it might be time to find a career you can truly love.

Most people harbour dreams of pursuing their ideal career but circumstances often force them to pursue other kinds of work, yet the dream doesn't have to wither away if you are determined and ready to work hard.

"You need to allow yourself to think about what you love to do. What do you think you would be able to do every day and not get sick of?" Chantel Simmons

Chantel Simmons, a former beauty editor at Elle Canada who now works as a consumer trends tracker and best-selling author, says before trying to jump out of a job you hate, you need to have a clear sense of what job you'd actually love.

"You need to allow yourself to think about what you love to do. What do you think you would be able to do every day and not get sick of?" she said.

Simmons herself left her former career to pursue her lifelong passion of being an author and has found success and happiness finally doing something she always wanted to do.

She says ultimately, regardless of what kind of work you do, there's no shortcut to success. You still need to put time and effort into your career, it just becomes easier and more satisfying when you do something you love.

"To succeed you have to do a lot of hard work, no matter what you're doing. If you love what you do, then the hard work pays off," Simmons said.

First off, be sensible and keep your day job — you don't want to dive head first into the deep end until you know you can swim well enough on your own.

"Some people are able to just quit their job and follow their passion but most people are not able to make that leap. The best thing you can do is take small, small steps. Keep your job while you pursue your passion on the weekends and start out of your kitchen or apartment," Simmons said.

While you might love painting or building furniture to unwind in your spare time, things can change very quickly when you're forced to do something on a daily basis under pressure. The activity you truly love might quickly turn sour once you start to do it for money so test the waters out first.

"There's a difference between a hobby and a career — you may not love it once it's a full-time job. Go ahead and try your passion on the side and see if it's viable as a job," Simmons said.

When you do decide to pursue your dream, commit to it as fully as any other career.

"If you want to start something you have to be determined. Make a commitment every day and don't be afraid to fail. It's all about taking your own future into your hands," Simmons said.

While you might love, say, building furniture in your spare time, things can change very quickly when you start doing it for money. Keep this in mind when following your dream.

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Hiring on the rise: Survey

With all eyes focused on job creation, a new survey that tracks professional employment offers a bit of good news for the upcoming quarter.

Ten per cent of executives interviewed for The Robert Half Professional Employment Report said they plan to increase the number of full-time employees in professional occupations in the second quarter, and six per cent anticipate declines. Eighty-two per cent of executives interviewed expressed confidence in their companies' prospects for growth in the next quarter.

Get ready for some hiring. A recent survey says more executives plan to hire this year.

Key Findings

- A net four per cent of executives plan to increase hiring in professional occupations, such as accounting, finance and information technology (IT), in the second quarter of 2010.
- Executives in the finance, insurance and real estate sector plan to do the most hiring of professional staff, with a net nine per cent projecting hiring increases.
- The legal field is expected to see the strongest hiring activity, with a net 26 per cent of respondents expecting to increase staff levels.
- Nearly four in 10 executives (37 per cent) said it is challenging to find skilled professionals today.

Max Messmer, chairman and CEO of Robert Half International, noted that the second-quarter projections may indicate companies are cautiously rebuilding. "Many firms, especially those that found they cut staff too aggressively during the worst of the recession, may need to add personnel at the first sign of a pickup in business," he said.

"Hiring in the legal profession is likely a result of unusually large-scale downsizings by many law firms in the early months of the recession," said Brett Good, of Robert Half. "Consequently, a number of firms are now in a position where they must hire to keep pace with client demands."

A net 10 per cent of HR executives said their companies plan to hire sales and business development staff. In addition, a net five per cent of CIOs interviewed expect to increase their IT personnel. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology in brief

MCMASTER GETS $1 MILLION
McMaster University's part-time student association announced last week a $1 million gift as a tribute to outgoing president Peter George, who retires on June 30 after 15 years as the head of the school. The donation will help fund a new liberal arts building, which has been a priority for George. The new facility will provide space for current and new undergraduate, graduate, and research programs in social sciences and humanities. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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The Saskatchewan government will restore funding to the First Nations University of Canada after a working group reached an agreement last week on the process for the reorganization and future operation of FNUC over the next four years. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Many diamonds in the rough

OddJobs

Diane Peters

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If you make a mistake at work, your boss will probably be very annoyed with you. If Jeannine Pilon makes an error, it's instantly worth thousands of dollars.

Pilon, now 38, was born in Sudbury and started her professional life doing hospice work — caring for people who were dying.

Then she moved up to Yellowknife with her then-husband, had a baby and decided she wanted to do something a more positive and creative.

She heard about a diamond-cutting course when she attended a trade show.

Pilon had always been artistic: She drew, sewed and had painted a huge mural on her son's bedroom wall.

Cutting diamonds can actually be dirty work, says Jeannine Pilon.

Pilon did well right away. Staff from Arslanian Cutting Works came in weekly to look over the students' work, and liked Pilon's so much she was hired before completing the four-month course.

Once on the job, Pilon began a three-year apprenticeship under a master cutter, then wrote an exam to be fully certified.

She only works on diamonds that have already been through several stages and tradespeople, including a marker who marks where a stone will be cleaved into two (as most rough diamonds yield two stones), a sawer who cuts it and a bruter who creates the round shape of the stone.

"My job is to make it as pure and clear as possible," says Pilon. Using her wheel — which looks like a turntable — and holding the diamond in a tool called a tang that can be adjusted to get the angles perfect, she "blocks" the stone by creating eight facets on the top and eight on the bottom of the diamond. She constantly looks at the stone through a jewellers magnifying glass.

Pilon then moves on to brilliantineering, which involves cutting 57 tiny, perfect facets.

Each diamond takes between 15 and 45 minutes to complete, but Pilon will often spend half the day blocking and another half brilliantineering.

The work is tedious and dirty: Pilon is covered with carbon at the end of the day and showers as soon as she gets home. It's also stressful.

Overcutting lowers the value of the diamond, and making too many mistakes can mean you'll soon be working on less valuable stones.

Because of the recession, Pilon was laid off last summer.

Since then, she's been doing freelance work, including demonstrating the cutting process to the public in Yellowknife and at the Vancouver Olympics.

It's a cleaner version of her old job, and one where she can wear some of her own diamonds. She has eight stones, but never wears them all at once. "I'm not dripping with them."

The Lowdown

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Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

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Online university should come only after regular PSE funding: CAUT
Canadian Association of University Teachers executive director James Turk says the Ontario government should focus on adding funding to its current bricks-and-mortar university system rather than building a virtual university, as proposed in the province's throne speech earlier this month. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Private schools on the way?

Toronto's public school board is considering a plan to open four new specialty schools — one for boys, one for girls, a choir school and a sports academy — in an attempt to stem declining enrolment and give students more choice.

The proposal is bound to revive debate about whether specialty schools, especially single-sex programs, cause social segregation when it comes before a Toronto District School Board committee Wednesday.

The move to an almost boutique option for learning, wildly popular in Edmonton, Chicago and New York, has been kick-started in Toronto by new director of education Chris Spence, who started a sports academy and two all-boy programs in Hamilton, where he was director until last July.

He has asked Toronto trustees to approve a feasibility study of the four schools by June, with the possibility of opening by September 2011, perhaps even in stand-alone buildings if enough students sign up, and maybe in high-needs neighbourhoods to make sure they are accessible to students of all backgrounds.

Spence would not say he's taking aim at the Toronto Catholic board's successful St. Michael's Choir School — a joint public-private venture with the city's Catholic archdiocese — but noted the proposed new programs would mean "offering private school options in the public system.

"And it's no secret 68 boards in the province are struggling with declining enrolment, including ours."

The Toronto board loses roughly 4,000 students a year to falling birth rates and migration to the 905. Eight Toronto neighborhoods are in the grip of public school closing talks right now; dozens of half-empty schools are expected to be shuttered in the coming years. Currently, about 260,000 students are enrolled at board schools.

Yet specialty schools can serve as magnets, noted board chair Bruce Davis, who expects demand could fill several schools of each of the kinds proposed; an all-boy leadership academy for kindergarten to Grade 3, an all-girl leadership academy for girls in Grades 4 to 8, and a co-ed choir school and co-ed sports academy for students in Grades 4 to 8.

"Parents love these schools and so do kids; at our four high schools for the arts, parents tell me they don't have to fight to get their kids out of bed — their kids wake them up to go to school," said Davis.

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Toronto school trustees are being asked to consider a plan for single-sex schools for boys and girls, as well as a choir school and a sports academy.

Spence's original proposal of an all-boys' academy this fall was scrapped after several trustees expressed concern about the social implications of separating children by gender, even in an alternative program for only those who want it.

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Fox cancel 24

The eighth and current season of 24 will be the show's last. Fox is ending the popular drama's run this May. "While the end of the series is bittersweet, we always wanted 24 to finish on a high note," star Kiefer Sutherland said in a statement. POPEATER.COM

Entertainment

No baby yet

Fans who can't wait to see Beyoncé Knowles and Jay-Z start a family will have to be patient. Despite reports to the contrary, Beyoncé's rep says the singer is not pregnant. PEOPLE.COM

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The kids are all right

Lautner, Cyrus win blimp trophies, avoid slime at Kids' Choice Awards

Team Jacob was triumphant at the Kids' Choice Awards.

Twilight star Taylor Lautner picked up two orange, blimp-shaped trophies at Saturday's 23rd annual shenanigan-packed Nickelodeon spectacle inside UCLA's Pauley Pavilion. Lautner snared the favourite actor honour for his New Moon role as hunky werewolf Jacob Black as well as the inaugural cutest couple award with his Twilight co-star Kristin Stewart.

"I have to admit I have always dreamt of winning one of these orange blimps," said Lautner.

The fan-favourite ceremony's host, Paul Blart: Mall Cop actor-comedian Kevin James, kicked off the show by performing a hip-hop dance routine as Adam Sandler serenaded him from above while dressed as an angel and fountains of green slime spontaneously gushed on the first few rows of the audience. James said more than 115 million votes were received this year.

Katy Perry, wearing a bright blue wig and skintight flowery dress, was blasted with slime when presenting the favourite movie actress trophy to Miley Cyrus. The gooey I Kissed a Girl singer chased the Hannah Montana actress around the stage, but co-presenter Jonah Hill grabbed Perry before she could embrace the 17-year-old singer-actress with a slimy hug.

"I can't see anything," complained Perry. "Why does it taste like boogers?"

Other favourites included Alvin and The Chipmunks: The Squeakquel for movie, Up for animated movie, Jim Carrey for voice from an animated movie for A Christmas Carol, Mario Kart for video game, iCarly for TV show, American Idol for reality show, SpongeBob SquarePants for cartoon, Dylan Sprouse for TV actor and Selena Gomez for TV actress. "I'm the luckiest girl in the whole world," said Gomez.

In the music categories, the winners were Black Eyed Peas for music group, Jay-Z for male singer and Taylor Swift for female singer and song for You Belong With Me. Favourites in the sports categories were two-time Olympic gold medallist volleyball player Misty May Treanor for female athlete and 20-year-old skateboarder Ryan Sheckler for male athlete.

"This goes right in the trophy case," Sheckler said holding up his blimp.

First lady Michelle Obama won the ceremony's Big Help award for her Let's Move campaign to cut down on childhood obesity. The honour is part of Nick's own Millions on the Move campaign. Over the next few months, the network will feature public service announcements to encourage kids to stay active and promote activities that help the environment.

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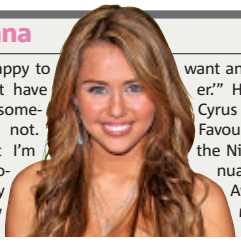
Katy Perry, left, gets slimed at Nickelodeon's Kids' Choice Awards on Saturday while Taylor Lautner, above, accepts the award for favorite movie actor.

"I can't see anything. Why does it taste like boogers?"

Katy Perry

Cyrus quits Hannah Montana



• Miley Cyrus has quit Hannah Montana, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The 17-year-old star announced yesterday she would be leaving the Disney show to pursue her pop career full-time because she has "grown out" of it. "I'm going to rejoice and be happy to finally not have to be somebody I'm not. Now that I'm older, people can say what they want and I'm like, 'Whatever.'" Her decision follows Cyrus being named Favourite Movie Actress at the Nickelodeon 23rd Annual Kids' Choice Awards.

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Kim Baryluk

Wyrd Sisters settle Harry Potter suit

MUSIC Five years after it started, a legal battle that threatened to derail one of the Harry Potter movies and stirred up a cauldron of anger among fans has ended quietly, shrouded in the kind of mystery befitting a wizard.

A $40-million lawsuit launched by The Wyrd Sisters, a little-known Winnipeg folk group, has been settled out of court, representatives for both sides confirmed. However, the settlement is subject to a confidentiality clause that prevents either side from revealing what, if any, money has changed hands.

The Wyrd Sisters tried to block the 2005 release of Harry Potter and The Goblet of Fire when they found out that the movie, like the book on which it is based, was to feature a rock group called either The Weird Sisters or The Wyrd Sisters.

Kim Baryluk, the group's founder and only consistent member, sued for $40 million, and asked an Ontario court to block the release of the movie across Canada.

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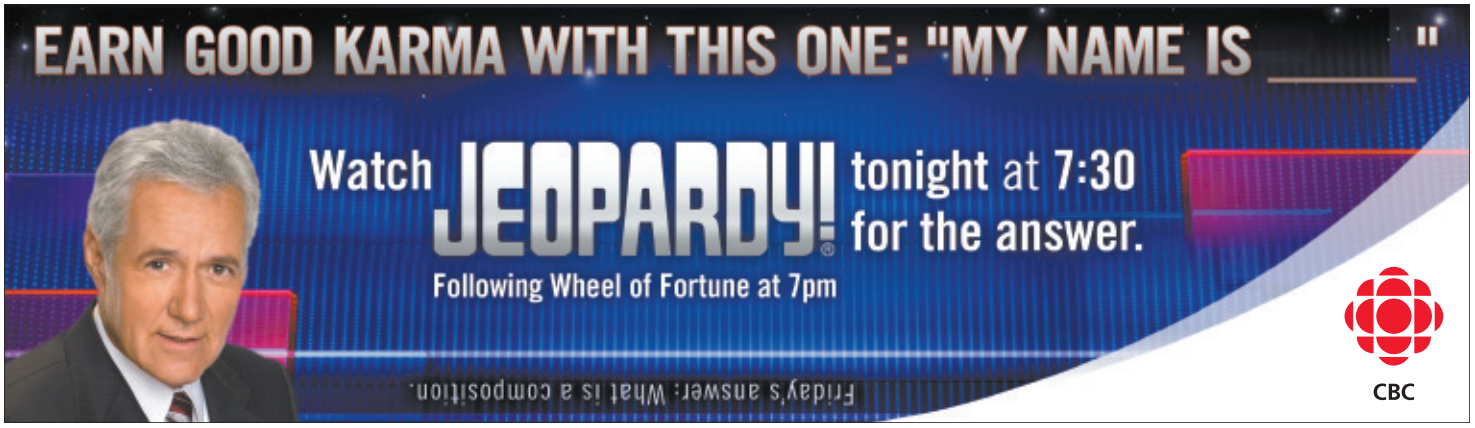

Damon honoured for film, charity work
Matt Damon was honoured at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in Los Angeles on the weekend for his film and philanthropic work. A taped version of the event, Hollywood Salutes Matt Damon: An American Cinematheque Tribute, will air in April on ABC. EW.COM

Twilight Doc doing double duty

Formerly shy Facinelli now a star on big and little screens

STEPHEN LOVEKIN/GETTY IMAGES
Actor Peter Facinelli stars as a doctor in both the Twilight movie franchise and the TV show Nurse Jackie.

Early on in their careers, many actors question whether their dreams to be in show business are realistic goals. For Twilight actor Peter Facinelli, that internal struggle came when he was about eight.

"I was just really shy, and there was one part of my brain saying, 'You should go be an actor' and the other part of my brain going, 'You're really nuts because I can't even stand in the lunch line in school because I'm afraid of people'," he recalls.

But his artistic side overtook his practical one. He ended up studying theatre at New York University and now not only stars in the white-hot Twilight movie series, but has also won acclaim for his supporting role as Dr. Fitch Cooper on the Showtime cable network's Nurse Jackie.

The dark comedy, which had its second season premiere in the U.S. last week, was the most-watched new series in Showtime's history when it debuted last year.

"I'm a fan of the show. I love watching these characters and how they all interact … and to see how they react off of each other, and how they get along and don't get along," Facinelli said.

Edie Falco stars as nurse Jackie Peyton, a drug addict who is both unethical on the job and in her marriage. Facinelli's character, a young, Ivy League-educated know-it-all, is somewhat smitten with his co-worker.

"He's kind of like the kid in third grade who has a crush on somebody, but it's not being reciprocated, so he's constantly pulling on her pigtails trying to get a reaction out of her," he said.

Facinelli, who plays the patriarch vampire clan leader Dr. Carlisle Cullen in the Twilight series, returns with the third instalment, Eclipse, out June 30. Facinelli says Eclipse will be more action-based and will feature the Cullens in a different light.

"Usually, they're very buttoned-up and you know, always trying to appear human and be in control. And in this movie, we have this looming presence throughout the whole movie that's hard to stay in control all the time," he said.

With steady projects on his resume, Facinelli, 36, is capitalizing on his success by writing movies. He's penned the TV-film Mulligan, which will star is wife, former Beverly Hills 90210 actress Jennie Garth.

"I finished writing it and then she read it and said, 'Hey if you ever make this I want to play this.' And I said, 'We'll see. Maybe you'll come in and audition for it,'" Facinelli said with a laugh.

He also wrote and will star in the romantic comedy Loosies, about a pickpocket in New York who has commitment issues and learns from a one-night stand that he's a father-to-be. And he'll star in the biopic Paz, based on the life of boxer Vinny Pazienze.

Facinelli has become a popular face in Hollywood, and he has more than 1.5 million followers on Twitter to prove it.

"Some people get mad because they say, 'You used to respond more,' but I found that my responsibility has shifted. I used to respond more when I had few followers. Now I can't respond to every single thing but I still read them all," he said.

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Jackson had cream for skin-whitening

SEARCH Detectives found large quantities of general anesthetic and dozens of tubes of skin-whitening creams in Michael Jackson's home after the singer's death, search warrants unsealed Friday show.

Investigators went to Jackson's rented mansion June 29 following a lengthy interview with his personal physician, Dr. Conrad Murray, who told them he had placed a medical bag in a cupboard in a closet.

At the home, detectives found 11 containers of the powerful anesthetic propofol, some of them empty, as well as a range of sedatives and various medical items including a box of blood pressure cuffs, according to the warrants, which were redacted and unsealed after The Associated Press filed a legal motion.

Jackson's June 25 death at age 50 was ruled a homicide caused by an overdose of propofol and other sedatives. Murray has pleaded not guilty to involuntary manslaughter. During their search, detectives found 19 tubes of hydroquinone and 18 tubes of Benoquin, both of which are commonly used in the treatment of a skin condition Jackson had called vitiligo. The disease creates patches of de-pigmented skin, and creams can be used to lighten skin that has retained its colour to give a more even appearance.

"Some people with vitiligo get to the point where there is so much of them that is pale, it makes more sense to remove the bits that are brown," said Dr. David Sawcer, assistant professor of clinical dermatology at the University of Southern California.

Benoquin is derived from hydroquinone. Though the creams can be used at the same time, it is unusual to do so, Sawcer said. The medications typically come in travel-toothpaste-sized tubes and each treatment usually lasts a few months. Side effects include acute sensitivity to the sun.

"In the places they have no pigment, they are exactly like an albino," Sawcer said.

The skin cream was not listed as a factor in Jackson's death nor was it detected in a toxicology report. What killed Jackson, according to the autopsy report, was an overdose of propofol, an anesthetic normally used for surgery.

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Handler ramps up the hilarity in new book

Book **Review**

HUMOUR Chelsea Handler spins a series of gut-busting tales in her latest, completely outrageous, laugh-out-loud book. Chelsea Chelsea Bang Bang offers a bevy of essays as unflattering as they are hilarious.

Fans of Handler, a standup comedienne and host of E! television's Chelsea Lately, are treated to a plunge down the rabbit hole with the follow-up to her best-seller, Are You There, Vodka? It's Me, Chelsea. Chelsea Chelsea Bang Bang adds new dimension to the definition of dysfunction and it's hard to tell whether her outlandish stories are designed more to amuse herself or her fans.

Handler can bend the truth with greater ease than a pro weightlifter. She convinced Heather McDonald, a Chelsea Lately staff writer, that McDonald had been hired to write a comedic screenplay recalling the explosion of the Challenger space shuttle. And she conned her boyfriend into going to a dog's funeral under the guise that she'd killed the canine with seafood.

She hits her stride when discussing family. Her portrayals of her home life are chaotic and likely exaggerated but so much fun to read. While her relationship with her siblings is tumultuous, it's also loving and fun, garnished with a little absurdity.

The book's strength lies in the passages about family. The Handler siblings share a corn ball sense of humour (and they refer to their father as "Platypus"). It's a different twist on what makes a happy household, but it's an effective one.

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Redesigning the model T. Ford

Tom Ford has recruited staff for his highly-anticipated womenswear line. The designer — who has yet to confirm when the collection will be launched — has hired Caroline Tixier from Givenchy and Pablo Coppola at Alexander McQueen to head up the range. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

From real world to world runways

JANINE FALCON
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She's being called "Baby Daria," much in the way Cindy Crawford was first known as "Baby Gia" (after then-top-model Gia Carangi) when she hit the fashion scene.

"It took 17 days and four hours — not like I was counting — for Dajana to call me," agent Elmer Olsen said of his Eaton Centre discovery.

In the six months since, Dajana, 17, has been immersed in a grooming program that includes catwalk practices and wardrobe lessons, all designed to launch her on the international fashion scene.

She's already worked for Holt Renfrew and teams from Valentino and Oscar de la Renta, and is booked for LG Fashion Week shows including Evan Biddell and Pink Tartan.

LG Fashion Week runs in Toronto through to Saturday

After having her hopes initially dashed by Elite when she was 14 (they told her she needed more curves), the young model is enjoying a fresh spotlight and newfound confidence as the rising fashion star she always wanted to be. Metro asks Dajana about her new job.

Q How does it feel to be where you are now after being turned away by a big agency three years ago?

A It's very exciting coming from being a normal high school girl. I had no faith in myself in modelling whatsoever, crushed into pieces because it was my biggest dream. But now, seeing how far I've come in just six months with Elmer, I've learned not to ever put yourself down, and always believe in yourself.

Q What was your initial reaction when Elmer Olsen stopped you at the mall?

A I thought it was a scam, for sure. I constantly get stopped by agents, it was just a routine for me. I showed no interest in any of it. After Elite (said no), I thought that if they didn't like me, nobody liked me, so every time I'd get stopped, I'd think, "No."

Q So what changed your mind?

A One of Elmer's previous models said that they'd never seen someone so excited about (a model). That line got me thinking, and then I realized Elmer had actually discovered Daria, and I was like, okay, he really knows what he's doing.

Q Did you always pay attention to fashion?

A When I was a little girl, yes. I always looked at the newest trends and runways, until I was 14 and got crushed. Then I paid absolutely no attention to anything regarding fashion or the whole industry itself. Now I'm interested again.

Q How would you describe your personal style?

A I used to be a whole "gina" type party sparkly girl, but now I can't show that any more. Now it's jeans, or black tights with shorts, designer heels, a regular top with a designer vest or coat over it.

Q Do you have favourite stores you like to shop at? Do you shop a lot?

A I do shop a lot. But because Elmer is a fashion agent, I always need his okay. It's pretty much Corbo or Holt Renfrew. If I were shopping with my friends, I'd just go to the Eaton Centre, H&M or Guess.

What do you think of your "Baby Daria" nickname?

A Actually, when I walked for Paul Hardy, I heard screams of 'C'mon, Daria, work it!' But it's also good to have your own image.

Q You're now in an industry that hires you based on how you look. Are you learning to deal with that?

A I realized that all different agencies and all different designers want different looks, so if they don't choose you, don't take it personally.

Q Do you have something you consider your best feature?

A My face and my whole body. God gives you what you have and you just have to accept and appreciate it.

Q It's only been six months, but do you have an idea of where you want to take your career?

The best thing that's happened so far is N. Y. Fashion Week. I'd like to do Paris and Milan, and my dream is to shoot with Steven Meisel for Vogue.

Q Do you prefer runway or print work?

A As soon as you step on the runway it makes you feel so glamorous… It makes me feel like I'm somebody and something, like "all eyes on you." I like print work, but the runway is my spotlight.

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Meet Dajana, Elmer Olsen's newest Canadian model to take the fashion world by storm.

Hopper honoured
A frail-looking Dennis Hopper was honoured Friday with the 2,403rd star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. The ailing 73-year-old actor appeared thin from his battle with prostate cancer when receiving the award. TVGUIDE.COM

Norwegian guns

Max Manus brings war heroes to life

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

Epic in scope but personal in detail, Max Manus is a Norwegian war movie that puts many Hollywood blockbusters to shame.

The film is a biopic of the titular Max Manus, an undercover saboteur in Norway during the Second World War. Max and his close circle of friends fought valiantly against the Nazis during the German occupation and while Max was the only one to come out of the war alive, they are all considered heroes in their native land.

A film about Max's journey took a surprising 65 years to make it to screens, but finally arrived in an intelligent and action packed period piece that set box office records in Norway in 2008. The movie is finally coming to Canadian screens this Friday.

The project was a labour of love for co-directors Joachim Ronning and Espen Sandberg, who were anxious to make their movie quickly while a few of the historical figures were still alive.

"We were able to talk to war veterans and Max's widow Tikken, which helped us immensely," said Sandberg. "The most nervous we ever felt during the entire project was on the day that we screened the film for her. She was just thrilled and said that it took her right back to that time. That was an exciting day because we knew it meant that we had something."

Max Manus opens Friday

Filled with huge crowd scenes, battle sequences, and extraordinary period detail, the project required a blockbuster budget to pull off, but the directors were surprisingly able to make the film with a fraction of a Hollywood budget.

"It costs about the same to make a film in Norway as it costs in Hollywood and Max Manus only had a budget of around $10 million. This is why you don't normally make these kinds of movies in Scandinavia," joked Ronning.

"The only way we could do it was to shoot in half the time and with 1/10th of the crew that you'd get in America. It's another kind of filmmaking, but thanks to computer technology we were able to channel a lot of the budget into the post-production and make that epic film that we were dreaming of. I don't think we could have done it even five or six years ago."

A critical and box office success wherever it has played, Max Manus is a career highlight for Ronning and Sandberg. The pair are currently being courted by Hollywood studios, which is a long ways away from their humble beginnings in Norway.

"We've known each other now for 27 years and started making shorts films on video in elementary school," recalled Ronning. "We work together very naturally."

Max Manus tells the story of the Norwegian resistance during the Second World War.

Entertainment in brief

HALL OF FAME Rock trio rush were feted last night in Toronto. The acclaimed prog veterans are being inducted into the Canadian songwriters' hall of fame. Also receiving the honour is Quebec artist Robert Charlebois. Charlebois and Rush are joining a select group that also includes Gordon Lightfoot, Joni Mitchell and Leonard Cohen. Rush's induction is linked with five specific songs: Limelight, Tom Sawyer, The Spirit of Radio, Subdivisions and Closer to the Heart.

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Short performs in pilot

Martin Short is heading to the Fox comedy pilot Tax Man, according to The Hollywood Reporter. The 60-year-old actor will play the boss of a Fresno, Calif., Internal Revenue Service office. TVGUIDE.COM

Box office

1. **How to Train Your Dragon:** $43.3 million
2. **Alice in Wonderland:** $17.3 million US
3. **Hot Tub Time Machine:** $13.7 million
4. **The Bounty Hunter:** $12.4 million
5. **Diary of a Wimpy Kid:** $10 million
6. **She's Out of My League:** $3.5 million
7. **Green Zone:** $3.3 million
8. **Shutter Island:** $3.2 million

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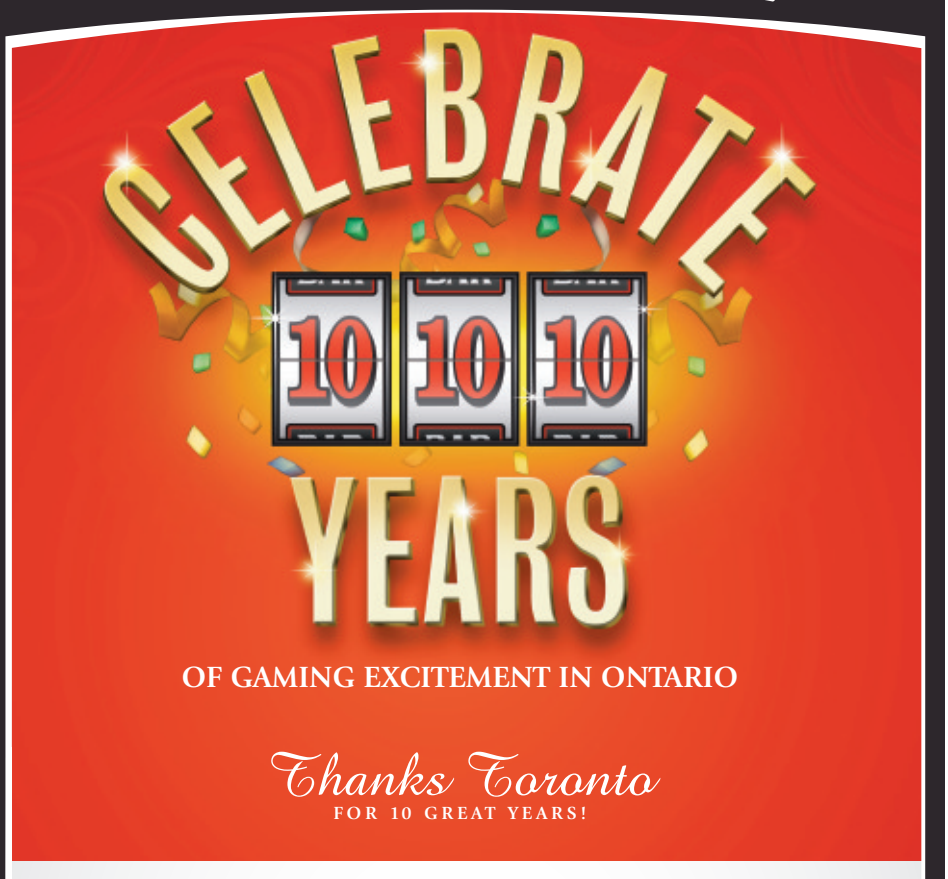

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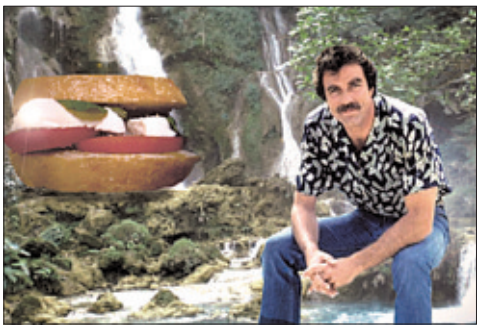

Actor Tom Selleck is photo-shopped into various waterfall scenes with different sandwiches in the latest Tumblr-hosted blog.

Just another time-waster

Selleck and the waterfall sandwich

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When people type "Internet phenomenon," it's usually that hilarious thing you get in your email inbox from an co-worker or friend with a "OMG SOOO FUNNY!!!" subject line.

You click on the link: selleckwaterfallsandwich.tumblr.com. The page loads, and it's simply a series of kitschy photo-shopped images placing actor Tom Selleck — yup, that mustached Magnum PI of Hawaiian aloha shirt fame — in different scenic waterfalls with a rotating menu of Higgins-like sidekicks: Salami, pastrami, bologna, cheese steak.

Since January, the simple photo mash-ups of this Tumblr-hosted single-topic blog have been shared (and even imitated) widely, and it's considered the latest "LOLCats"-like meme (you know, those cute photos of cats with funny but often grammatically-incorrect "iz mah house!"-type captions).

AV Club appropriately blogged about Selleck Waterfall Sandwich with the apt title "Great Job, Internet!" The blog itself is the brainchild of Greg Szmurlo, a California-based copywriter who cracked to ABC-News.com that the idea came from a dream where, "Tom Selleck's mustache spoke to me in Portuguese and told me to 'make this dream a reality.'"

In a Gchat interview, Szmurlo admits that the irreverent site sprang from the "non-filtered creative side" of his work with David&Goliath, an Los Angeles creative agency that "helps challenger brands fight their way to market leadership."

"Well, I am the type of guy who will come up with a lot of ideas," he explains. "(So) I made it a goal of mine to stop just writing them down and start doing some of them."

For a professional who has been involved with campaigns for companies like Kia and the Monte Carlo casino complex, Szmurlo is positively Don Draper-like on his creation: Mum on the details (he dares not pick a number one sandwich, since it's like "choosing favourites among your children"), and on where it'll go (he promises a soonish ending capped with a farewell posting).

But then there's the official Threadless Selleck Waterfall Sandwich T-shirt, and the awareness that what passes for offline "time waster"-tagged office humour could also be a new medium for word-of-mouth integrated brand campaigns. (Imagine if Whiskas claimed responsiblity for LOLCats?)

"There is definitely a rethink of what works and doesn't going on in the advertising realm," Szmurlo says, citing the recently sponsored Absolut Vodka free web film "I'm Here" by celebrated director Spike Jonze as an example.

"Unfortunately, too many agencies are still doing what doesn't work... I think it will take awhile to get there."

Imagine! Silly word-of-mouth memes as the future crowd-sourced brand campaign.

But if you blink and just miss it, don't worry: It's still just a silly time-wasting Internet phenomenon.

Rea McNamara writes about the on/offline statuses of niches and subcultures. Follow her on Twitter @reeraw

All wild, all the time

National Geographic debuts 24-hour WILD show in U.S.

Flip on the National Geographic Channel and you'll find animals in the wild sharing time with shows on science, exploration, history and world culture.

When you flip on Nat Geo WILD, soon to be available in the United States for the first time, it'll be all wild, all the time — and available in HD.

The 24-hour WILD was introduced in Hong Kong three years ago and is available in more than 50 countries, said Geoff Daniels, the executive in charge of programming for the new network. The United States will be added today, nine years after Nat Geo went on the air.

WILD has been one of fast growing National Geographic projects internationally, Daniels said. High definition makes the timing right and the viewing awesome, he said.

High definition, Daniels said, gives filmmakers new power to peel back the mysteries of the wild world, including the daily struggles of life in the wild.

"We're not going to shy away from getting viewers closer to that experience," he said.

Daniels warned viewers that the new network isn't about animals gone wild but animals IN the wild.

"We are not aiming at kids, but night in and night out, there will be a lot of programming that parents and children alike can be really comfortable coming to," he said. "We're not doing this for cheap thrills."

What will people see? Two new series on WILD are Rebel Monkeys and Expedition Wild with Casey Anderson.

Rebel Monkeys looks at a sacred gang of monkeys who live at the Galta Temple in the Indian city of Jaipur. A drought has threatened their food supply and camera crews follow them as they search for food — and often find trouble — on the streets of the city.

Anderson is a naturalist whose best friend and best man at his wedding is a 400-kilogram grizzly bear named Brutus.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTO

Mireya Mayor, primatologist, and a juvenile Western Lowland gorilla in the Republic of Congo during a filming for National Geographic's Nat Geo Wild series in the Republic of Congo.

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Jon's ex wants a piece of the action
Hailey Glassman is planning on becoming a star like her ex-boyfriend Jon Gosselin, right, popeater.com reports. "I was offered to do a show called Starting Over, which will be about me leaving New York and all the negative behind me," she told radaronline.com. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Not so Sunny for Sandra

COULD THIS FAMILY BE MORE COMPLICATED? Sandra Bullock has contacted family lawyers to fight for custody of her stepdaughter, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress — whose husband Jesse James allegedly cheated on her with tattoo model Michelle "Bombshell" McGee — has reportedly contacted legal representatives and has been devastated to find James' infidelity will not affect her chances of getting custody of stepdaughter Sunny.

A U.S. legal source said: "Infidelity has no bearing on custody. The most she can aim for right now is split custody, and a lot of that would have to be agreed by him."

A source close to the star added: "Sandra is beside herself with worry. She thought she had the perfect marriage. "Now she feels that she's at risk of losing everything. Sunny means the world to her. She loves that girl to death."

The actress has raised Sunny — James' daughter from his former marriage to porn star Janine Lindemulder — as her own, but is now terrified the child's mother will use this opportunity to try and get back the visitation rights which she lost earlier this year after being jailed for tax evasion.

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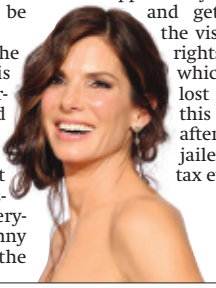

Chastising cheeky Chloë

LEARN YOU LINES BUT DON'T ACTUALLY THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU'RE SAYING Actress Chloë Sevigny has apologized for blasting the latest season of her TV drama Big Love as "awful," insisting her comments were misinterpreted, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The star, who plays a fundamentalist Mormon wife in the hit U.S. series, risked the wrath of TV bosses when she appeared to take aim at the show's writers.

She was reported as saying, "It was awful this season, as far as I'm concerned. I'm not allowed to say that! ... I feel like it kind of got away from itself ... I mean, I love the show, I love my character, I love the writing, but I felt like they were really pushing it this last season.

"And with nine episodes, I think they were just squishing too much in ... But I hope the fans will stick with us and tune in next year.

"There's a lot of people who really love this season, surprisingly. God, I'm going to get in so much trouble."

But Sevigny has moved quickly to play down her remarks, blaming the media for blowing the situation out of proportion. She tells Entertainment Weekly,

"I feel pretty terrible. I feel like what I said was taken out of context."

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Getting out the big guns but no roses

JUST ORAL AGREEMENTS Guns 'N' Roses front-man Axl Rose is facing a lawsuit from his former manager, Irving Azoff, over nearly $1.9 million US in fees Azoff says Rose failed to pay him, according to the Associated Press.

The lawsuit claims that Azoff's firm, Frontline Management, had an oral agreement with Rose to receive 15 per cent of the singer's earnings.

Frontline claims Rose earned more than $12 million for appearances overseas that he hasn't paid them for.

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Wants to grace the silver screen with her presence

THE IDEA OF A 50-FOOT HEIGH HEIDI IS TERRIFYING Her MTV reality series has been canceled and her attempt at being a pop singer fizzled, but Heidi Montag insists she's now found her calling.

"I'm so excited The Hills is finally over and I can now become a full-time motion picture actress," Montag tells People magazine. "I'm now finally free to start my career and my new life as female mogul in Hollywood."

And Montag has aspirations beyond acting, crossing over into screenwriting as well.

"I am making the first 3-D beach comedy about a shark that attacks a small beach town and I save the day with my 3-D boobs," she says. "I've even written a role for Dolly Parton to play the town mayor."

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Not doing a song and dance

TOO BUSY MAKING WINNERS LIKE DEAR JOHN Mamma Mia! star Amanda Seyfried has confessed she started rumours movie bosses were planning a sequel to the musical hit — because she's desperate to reprise her role, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress found fame — and love with co-star Dominic Cooper — when she landed a lead role in the Abba-inspired 2008 film.

Director Phyllida Lloyd was last year reported to be working on a follow-up — but Seyfried admits she took the gossip she'd heard and spread it around Hollywood.

She adds, "My boyfriend (Cooper) had talked to Phyllida (Lloyd) and she said that if they do Mamma Mia! they are going to use a whole new cast and do a prequel. And then that's when I said 'No, it's not going to happen.'"

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She wants to castle her King

HE WANTS TO CHECK HER MATE. NOPE, IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE TO HER EITHER While they may or may not be dating, Jessica Simpson and Billy Corgan have found something they enjoy doing together after Corgan taught Simpson how to play chess, according to the National Enquirer.

"He taught her how to play and was surprised at how quickly she got the hang of it, but she is yet to beat him," a source says.

"Billy likes to share his hobbies with his friends."

The pair reportedly have an intense weekly game going.

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Conan O'Brien gets help posting on Twitter, Ben Stiller has kind words for Justin Bieber, and Lindsay Lohan is surprised to see herself on TV.

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@RedHourBen Met Justin Bieber tonight on Letterman. Told him to hang in there, things will happen for him eventually.

@lindsaylohan okay, this was weird!! i was just watching a recorded 30ROCK & when it finished it went back 2 regular tv & "Georgia Rule" is on! so random! flats

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GETTY IMAGES

Lilo left out

DEE-NIED! Lindsay Lohan had trouble getting into a Victoria's Secret party recently while Paris Hilton, Nicole Richie and Russell Brand celebrated inside, according to Radar Online.

"As soon as she strolled up to the door, the rope was quickly pulled in front of her," a source says. "She tried to pass the big bodyguard but he blocked her way."

A source associated with the party insists it was just a misunderstanding, and that "Lindsay wasn't banned from the guest list."

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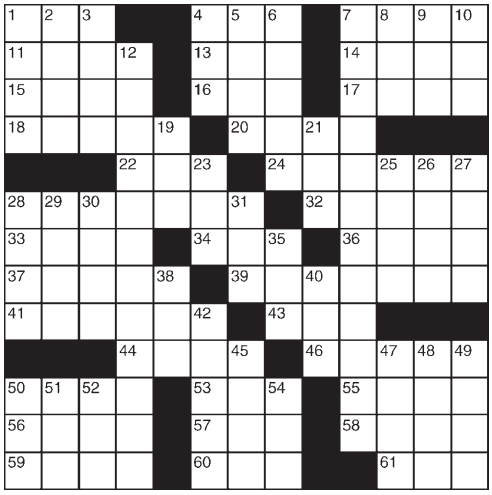

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18 Modernist poet
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22 Youngster
24 Melted-cheese dish
28 Sleepwear
32 Exceedingly
33 Egg
34 — Kippur
36 London art gallery
37 Gold or silver
39 Yellow-orange
41 Roman magistrate
43 Sticky stuff
44 Black, in poetry
46 Light carriage
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53 Female deer
55 — contendere
56 Culture medium
57 Very long time
58 Active one
59 Mutts
60 Single
61 Doctor's due

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1 Get ready, for short
2 Anise-flavored liqueur
3 From one end to t'other
4 Sapporo sash
5 Tortoise's opponent
6 Ledge
7 "HTTP Error 404" message
8 High card
9 Depressed
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12 The unskilled
19 Poorly lit
21 Junior
23 Rotation duration
25 Cherished one
26 "Do — others ..."
27 Paradise
28 "— and Circumstance"
29 State with conviction
30 Twine fiber
31 "Help!"
35 Periodical, briefly
38 High-arc shot
40 Watch chain
42 Wild West show
45 Lunchtime, maybe
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49 Bygone times
50 Crazed
51 Id counterpart
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Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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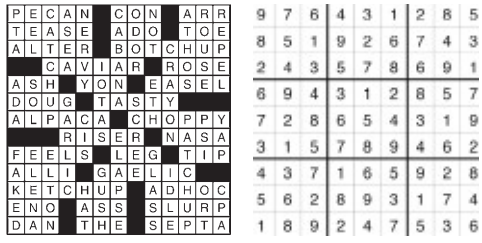

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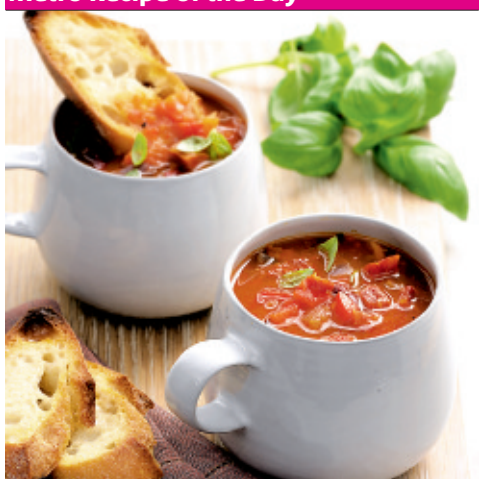

Roasted Tomato, Pepper and Chorizo Soup

INGREDIENTS:

1 red onion, with skin, quartered
2 red peppers, halved lengthwise
4 plum tomatoes, halved
2 garlic cloves, unpeeled
2 cups chicken stock
540 mL can red kidney beans, drained and rinsed
100 g chorizo, chopped
2 tsp balsamic vinegar
1/3 cup fresh basil, torn

METHOD:

1. Preheat broiler to high. Arrange onion, peppers and tomatoes on baking sheet, cut sides down, with garlic cloves.

2. Cook vegetables 6-8 minutes or until skins begin to blacken. Remove skins from onion, pepper and tomatoes, and squeeze garlic flesh from skins.

3. Chop half of vegetables into small chunks and put remainder into blender with garlic flesh and stock. Process until smooth, then add to pot with chopped vegetables. Season soup with salt and ground black pepper.

4. Bring soup to boil, stirring occasionally. Add beans, chorizo and balsamic vinegar, cover and simmer gently 2-3 minutes. Toss basil into soup and serve.

SERVES 4

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You may be right to get angry with someone who has let you down but keep your feelings to yourself, at least for now. Don't star a war you can't win.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Don't be so hard on yourself. You make mistakes like everyone else and there is no reason why you should feel bad about it.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Set yourself towering targets, but don't forget that to reach them you will have to take it a step at a time. What do you want most out of life?

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Someone has been giving you a hard time and now you must stand up for yourself and tell them a few home truths.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
The reason why some people are acting in a negative way towards you is because you are projecting negative signals.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
There is no point worrying about your financial situation and making yourself depressed. Chances are you are not seeing things too clearly.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
A second opinion is a must today, especially if you are the kind of Libra who is prone to negative thinking. You don't have to suffer alone.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
Others are so used to you acting in a predictable fashion that if you do something out of the ordinary you'll take them by surprise.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
Friends and relatives will appreciate it if you don't make a song and dance over minor irritations today. Make the best of what you've got.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
A setback of some kind is likely over the next two or three days but it's not the end of the world so there is no need to despair.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
You may have to turn down a social or travel invitation either today or tomorrow and you won't be too happy about it. Stay close to home.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
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